

PTMS PTA MEETING

March 17, 2009

- I. Welcome and Pledge of Allegiance

- II. President's Report – Carol Aurin
 - a. Carol talked about the “Best in Class” recipe contest sponsored by Arnold bread company. Beginning March 6th, students can submit a creative and well-balanced sandwich recipe using Arnold 100% Natural Soft Breads. Four winners from separate age groups will receive a \$5,000 donation to their school and a \$1,500 savings bond. Recipes should be submitted at www.ArnoldSandwichChallenge.com. The submission period ends May 4th. Starting May 25th, twelve finalist recipes will be featured online for the public to vote.

- III. Principals' Report
 - a. A Parent brought up the fact that one of his kids teachers has not updated Power School since February 20th. Dr. Merante indicated that in a situation like this he would appreciate it if the parent would let him know so that he can look into it.
 - b. There will be a change in the procedures for kids who are going to be walkers after school. Starting this Friday any walker needs to bring a note and give it to their 9th period class teacher. The district will be putting together a “permission to walk” form that will be required to be filled out and signed by the parent if they want their child to walk after school. As was the case before if a child is to leave school before the day is over for an early dismissal the parent must come in and sign the child out.
 - c. Dr. Merante talked about the success of the musical.
 - d. PSSA's are this week. Next year they will ALL take place in the month of April. PSSA scores are reviewed will all of the kids. When they get to be juniors they will have to score advanced or proficient to graduate. This is a new requirement by the state. Currently all kids need to score in this range, including special needs children. The state is looking at maybe changing this rule but they have not done so yet.
 - e. The student/faculty basketball game was very successful.
 - f. Scheduling information will be coming home soon for students currently in the 7th grade.

- IV. 1ST Vice President's Report – Sheril Wilson
 - a. Newsletter – Today is the deadline.
 - b. Volunteers for 8th Grade Picnic (6/5) and 8th Grade Dance (5/29) – Jennifer Bollman and Paula O'hare are in charge of the picnic and Carol Aurin the 8th grade dance. Please contact them if you would like to help.

- V. 2nd Vice President's Report – Bethany Frizzell
 - a. Spring Dance Thank You – Geeta Welden was the chair and the dance went very well. Approximately 240 kids attended of which around 20 kids got in free with Box Tops.
 - b. Student/Faculty Basketball Game Thank You – Gina Wells and Diane Lioon did a great job.

- VI. Secretary's Report – Sarah Lindsay
 - a. Approval of the Minutes – February 2008 – Minutes approved as presented.

- VII. Treasurer's Report – Jodi Hannah
 - a. Payment of Bills – Debbie Smith made a motion to pay the bills; Linda VanNewkirk seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - b. 2008-2009 Budget vs Actual

- VIII. Old Business
 - a. Nominating Committee – Slate will be presented in April according to the bylaws.

- IX. New Business
 - a. Reflections – There was one regional winner, Evan Opeka for literature.
 - b. Lorra Brannen read a note from a child thanking her for the opportunity to participate in the musical.

- X. Adjournment – Geeta Welden made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Linda VanNewkirk.