

Pleasant Hill PTA Meeting
Tuesday, October 6, 2009
7pm

- I. Welcome: Margo Ban

- II. President's Report: Margo Ban and Donna Hirsch
 - a) MAP scores being sent home next week between October 9 and 16th in backpack mail.
 - b) H1N1—Cook County asking schools in District 15 to be vaccination centers. Only District 15 students and pregnant teachers will be eligible for the vaccines. The vaccines are completely voluntary. There will be a permission slip and more information coming soon. Although the final details have not been worked out, everything will be completed by end of October.
 - c) Adequate Yearly Progress (AYP) Status. This testing is for the No Child Left behind legislations. Currently, two schools in the district are failing; However, Pleasant Hill IS NOT a failing school. Every year the standards go up, so it's just a matter of time before a school will fail to have AYP. It was noted that less than 7% of the district budget comes from Federal Government through No Child Left Behind.
 - d) Gino's pizza fundraisers: The district has scheduled Pleasant Hill's day for the third Friday of the month. However, all the details have not been finalized. Most likely won't begin until November.
 - e) PH Nominating Committee—volunteers needed! Not a big time commitment—only one meeting and some follow up calls required. Email Margo Ban if you're willing to participate.
 - f) Parent Committee for Educational Excellence: Jim Garwood addressed the issues with the transportation problems and apologized for the problems.

- III. Ways & Means Report: Joanne Wojcik & Carol (Hopkins) Witucki
 - a. Netted \$11,800. Our goal was to net \$13,500. We paid the organization who ran the event 30%.
 - b. This year, we had a significant increase in the percentage of the total Pleasant Hill population participated:
 - i. In 2007: 38% participated.
 - ii. In 2008: 43% participated.
 - iii. This year 60% of the participated.

- IV. Treasurer's Report: Kim Radochonski
 - a. Because our fundraising effort came in under budget, we highlighted areas in the budget where we thought we could save money instead of having to raise more money.

- V. Principal's Report: Matt Palcer
 - a. Thanks to everyone for help on Dads and Donuts. It went very well. And thanks to Joanne and Carole for coordinating all the Fun Run activities.
 - b. This Saturday, there was a Car Wash at Pleasant Hill to support a student's project to become an Eagle Scout. The project involves building two outdoor classroom areas for Pleasant Hill. The classrooms will be fenced in, with flower boxes and seating for 36. Cost will be about \$2,500-\$3,000. A second car wash will be held this Saturday. On Sunday, they're going to be laying drain pipes and fencing. By the 24th or 25th of October, the entire project will be completed. The Daisy Scouts will be planting some flowers around the outdoor classrooms Mrs. Harms offered to donate a few small bushes to the effort.
 - c. Last week, many students were able to play kick ball: This was a part of our new Positive behavior celebrations. If a student gets less than three minor infractions during the month, he/she can participate in the activity. The activity for October has not been decided. This program recognizes kids who have positive behaviors.
 - d. Response to Intervention (RTI): This is a new district-wide system to address behavioral issues. There is a state law that requires all schools in Illinois to have to have an RTI program in place by January 1, 2010. All the teachers are in the process of going through RTI training together to learn about Academic early interventions.

- VI. Teacher Reps: Joanne Harms/Arlene Wada

- a. The teachers all do initial assessments, to help the teachers take positive steps for differentiated instruction. The teachers were able to do a lot of brainstorming for how these principals can be implemented into the classroom.
- b. The RTI training was very helpful.

VII. Committee Reports

a) Fall Fest: Colleen Novak

Looking for people to volunteer with Games, Security and Food. Need 50 total volunteers to make the event run smoothly. The packets went out last week in backpacks. All food is preordered. Teachers are encouraged to attend and participate in the pumpkin decorating contest.

b) Health & Safety: Lisa Sammons & Michelle Gattuso

Tomorrow is Walk to School Day.

3rd annual coat drive is scheduled for Oct 19-30. This benefits the District 15 coat closet. Really need winter coats that are **clean**. The coat closet was totally wiped out last year. Will take both adult and children's coats.

Just Girls program: will occur in November. The program is for 5th grade girls and their moms and focusing on how to deal with girl issues. The committee is currently working on delivering a similar type of program for boys with a delivery date no later than the Thanksgiving break.

Helping Hands placards—need to be turned into the office. The Palatine Police department is discontinuing the program and they want all outstanding materials to be turned in.

Working on sponsoring a Tai Kwando program In Jan/Feb, the proceeds from which will go to the PTA. If there is full enrollment, the PTA will earn \$1,600.

VIII. Adjournment: Margo Ban

- a. The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Dates to Remember:

October

Fri, 10/9	No School
Mon, 10/12	No School
M-F, 10/19-23	COGAT Testing
T-F, 10/20-23	Book Fair
Fri, 10/23	Fall Fest
Thurs, 10/29	Picture Retakes
Fri, 10/30	Halloween Parties!

November

Thurs, 11/5	Just Girls (5 th -grade girls event)
Tues, 11/10	PTA Meeting
Wed, 11/11	Special Person's Day
M/T, 11/23-24	Parent-Teacher Conferences/No School
Wed, 11/25	No School
Thurs, 11/26	Thanksgiving Day (yummy!)
Fri, 11/27	No School
Mon, 11/28	MAP Testing begins