

Pleasant Hill PTA Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2008 7:00PM

Welcome all to the 1st PTA meeting of the year!

Attendance: 32 people attended

Treasurer Report (Kim Radochonski)

- Balance On Hand as of 8/31: \$9,632

Corresponding Secretary (Sonya Castella)

- PTA sent flowers to Assistant Principal, Kristy Seifert to celebrate the birth of her twin girls in September. Thank you card from Ms. Seifert was passed around the room.
- Thank you card passed around for the teacher's breakfast that was held the first week of school.

President's Report (Margo Ban)

Margo presented notes from the President's Meeting held on 9/15/08:

- Some schools are concerned with the methodology used to determine classroom size. Classroom size process for the District will be reviewed.
- A demographic study and an architectural study are currently underway, and the results of the architectural study will be presented at a special Board of Education meeting on October 18th. The regular Board of Education meeting has been changed from 10/8 to 10/15.
- Paul Budin (District Social Worker) offered his services if you need any ideas for your school's health program. He can be reached at (847) 963-3159.
- "No School Bullying" (Gabe & Izzy) program will be held on Wednesday, October 8th. Program will be held at Pleasant Hill, one session during the day for grades 3-6 (being taped to be shown to grades K-2 at a later date) and one at night open to the district. More info to be sent home later—see posters/flyers posted around school and flyer in newsletter.
- No Walk-A-Thon this year due to other fundraiser efforts.
- District 15 Battle of The Bands event to benefit the District 15 Foundation is Saturday, November 8th at Durty Nellies. This is a family event and will replace the Hearts of Gold dinner. The bands will all be comprised of current and/or former students of the district.
- The Palatine food pantry is looking for schools to partner with to organize food collections—ideally two per month. Contact Laura Hoover at the Palatine Township if you are interested.

General Items

- Signup sheets were passed around for the By-Law Committee. The By-Law Committee will be working on updating the Pleasant Hill PTA By-Laws. If you are interested in helping, please call Sherri Lamerand at (847) 991-0807 or email her at sherrilamerand@yahoo.com.
- Signup sheets were passed around for the Call to Action Committee. The Call to Action Committee is a group that will have a voice to support/oppose legislative issues. All information will be communicated via email and allows you an opportunity to be informed and to take part in being a voice on state legislation. If you are interested in helping, please call Sherri Lamerand at (847) 991-0807 or email her at sherrilamerand@yahoo.com.
- Signup sheets were passed around for NWSC (Northwest Suburban Council) PTA General Membership meetings. There are 3 meetings this year, and we need 4 people to sign up for each meeting. The first meeting is Monday, September 29th at 7:00pm starting with a program on Internet Safety and a short voting meeting following. The other meetings are in February and May. If you are interested in attending, please call Margo Ban at (847) 934-5410 or email her at margo_ban@yahoo.com.
- Signup sheets went around for the Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee is responsible for coming up with candidates for next year's open positions on the Board. Next year's open positions are corresponding secretary and recording secretary. Training will be held in November. If you are interested in helping, please call Margo Ban at (847) 934-5410 or email her at margo_ban@yahoo.com
- Discussion took place on Photo Release form. A new photo release form was put into place and there are some families that do not want the children's photograph distributed. Each teacher has a list of the children in their classroom that do not want their picture distributed. The Room Mothers need to check with the teacher's before releasing any pictures.
- PTA Room as been cleaned and stocked with supplies. Thank you Colleen Novak, Kim Radochonski, and Margo Ban for all your efforts in organizing the PTA Room! Each committee now has its own file folder that will be located in the crate next to the sink. All mail for each committee will be put in the appropriate file folder, so please make sure you check your folders.
- Please note the time change of the next PTA meeting...the next meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00pm.

Principal's Report (Mr. Palcer)

- Beginning of the school year went great! Students and teachers all seem pretty happy.
- Thank you for the Teacher Breakfast the first week of school. The teachers really appreciated it!
- Picture Day went smoothly...thanks Betty Buccieri!
- Thanks Donna Kennedy for writing the morning announcements!
- Thanks Lora Lewis and Karla Manner for a fun Fall Fest!
- ISAT tests are in. All tests should be distributed by the end of the month.
- MAP testing has begun. Results should be distributed in the next two weeks.

- We are looking for 2 volunteers for the Parent Committee for Education Excellence. Meetings are held during the day about once a month. This is a great opportunity to hear what is going on in the district. Please contact Mr. Palcer if you are interested.
- Flood Situation: As many of you know, Mrs. Dusold's room completely flooded several weeks ago. The leaks have been temporarily fixed. The tile, carpet, and school materials will all be replaced in her room. The Board of Education was out to inspect the leaks immediately and decided it was time to do a full roof replacement in the primary wing (1st & 2nd grades). Due to the large dollar amount of this project, the Board of Education is required by state law to go out and bid this work to multiple contractors. Once the project is awarded, it will be done in phases in order to minimize the disruption to the children. No children will be allowed in the classrooms when the workers are replacing the roof above. Also, an environmental hygienist will be coming out to the school to test the air quality once the work is complete. We are expecting this work to start as soon as possible. Once started, it will take about 2 weeks to complete. Teachers and students are adjusting well to the situation and we have received a lot of constructive phone calls from parents. An architectural study for replacing the rest of the school's roof will be submitted for review shortly. If you have any questions, please give Mr. Palcer a call.

Teacher's Report (Mrs. Harms, Mrs. Wada, Mr. Dano)

A review of the class curriculum was presented:

Kindergarten: jolly phonics, apples, harvesting, counting, grouping, journaling

1st Grade: back to School, community, friends, mission statements, occupations

2nd Grade: landforms, continents, oceans, main ideas, weather studies

3rd Grade: place value, extended responses, weather, thermometer, clouds

4th Grade: scientific method, earth materials, landforms, maps, novels, poetry

5th Grade: geography skills, early American, field trip to Grove

6th Grade: geography, 4 types of sentences. atlas skills

Directory (Jennifer Draznik)

- Final draft of directory will be complete tomorrow. We have over 85% participation in this year's directory. We have a new format due to the increase of email addresses. We should have the directories by Wednesday, October 1st.
- Please note that the email addresses in the directory are to be used for PTA purposes only.

Health & Safety (Michelle Gatusso & Lisa Sammons)

- District 15 Coat Closet is available for any family in the District that needs assistance. The closet has gently used adult and children's outerwear, which includes hats, gloves, jackets, and ski pants. Please contact the school nurse, Angie Novak if you have any questions.
- 5th Grade Girls Event will take place Thursday, November 6th from 6:30pm-8:30pm. This evening is for 5th grade girls and their mothers/guardians. This event is free.

- We are scheduled to attend our first meeting regarding the Health & Fitness Fair. More details to follow.
- NWSC distributed guidelines on Halloween party. We are encouraging room moms to watch the amount of sweet snacks during their parties, but we are not eliminating sweet snacks for Halloween.
- Received info on Flu Shots. We will check with the school nurse, Angie Novak to see if this is something we are interested in doing.
- Someone asked a question about why we still sell ice cream if we are trying to eat healthier in the lunchroom. According to Mr. Palcer, it was voted on and the staff wanted to keep the ice cream. They did not want to take all sweets away from the children.
- Someone asked a question about what is the “peanut free table”. The peanut free table is a separate table located in the lunchroom where the children with peanut allergies sit. The children with peanut allergies are allowed to ask a friend to sit with them, as long as that child does not have any peanut products in his/her lunch. If your child tells you they cannot eat peanuts at lunch, they might be sitting at the peanut free table with a friend. All other children in the lunchroom are allowed to eat peanuts.

School Picture (Betty Buccieri)

- Thanks everyone for all your help with picture day!
- Picture retakes are Thursday, October 23rd.
- We will not have any spring pictures this year due to the poor customer service we received from Lifetouch. The committee has decided the spring pictures are too much work and are another disruption to the classroom.
- This is our last year with Lifetouch and we will be looking for a new photography company. A new committee will be formed to pick a new vendor. Contact Betty Buccieri if you would like to be a part of the selection process.
- Need to add “Picture Day” to volunteer form for next year.

Dads & Donuts (Karen Schutz & Mary Hanson)

- Dads and Donuts will be two mornings this year:
October 3rd is all Dads/Children with last name A-L from 8:00am-8:45am
October 10th is all Dads/Children with last name M-Z from 8:00am-8:45am

Yearbook (Cathy Peterson)

- Please send us any pictures for your classrooms. We also will be using the PTA newsletter to request pictures for certain events.
- We will be putting up poster boards in the classrooms so we can capture the activities that are happening in the classroom.

Escrip (Pat Murakami)

- Sign up for Escript at Dominick’s. More info will be provided in the PTA newsletter.

Get Smart @ PH (Jennifer Chamberlin)

- Tickets are on sale now for the Get Smart @ PH event at Durty Nellies on Friday, October 17th. Tickets are \$25/person now, \$30/person at the door. Pre-order ticket deadline is Friday, October 3rd.
- All remaining projectors are now on order.
- Need 16 more Smart Boards.
- Get Smart @PH website will be available in the next week.
- Fundraiser at Wendy's on Monday, September 22nd.
- Fundraiser at Culver's on Tuesday, October 21st

6th Grade Party

- Discussion took place regarding the funds for the 6th Grade party. A memo went out last Friday from Mr. Palcer stating that no fundraising would be allowed for this event. Mr. Palcer was told incorrectly that we did not typically do fundraising for the 6th grade party. Many people had concerns about this and voiced them in the meeting. Further discussion will take place to determine if any fundraising will be done this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:49pm.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, October 21st at 7:00pm.
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