

Pleasant Hill PTA Meeting Minutes (Revised)
Tuesday, October 16th, 2007
7:00pm

DATES TO REMEMBER

Picture Retakes – Wednesday, October 24th
Information Night for District 15 – Wednesday, October 24th
Book Fair - October 22nd-October 25th
Next PTA Meeting on Tuesday, November 13th @ 10:00am

Attendance: (30 people)

Ms. Feldman, Ms. Seifert, Karen Schutz, Mary Hanson, Joanne Wojcik, Donna Hirsch, Melissa Larsen, Colleen Novak, Monica Leonard, Cathy Petersen, Trina Struecklen, Sonya Castella, Mr. Dano, Mrs. Wada, Jennifer Chamberlin, Margo Ban, Sherri Lamerand, Tina Freund, Donna Watson, Mudita Rastogi, Donna Kennedy, Ms. Harms, Michelle Gattuso, Frank, Sue Quinn, Diane, Lora Lewis, Marcia Alegroca-Poyraz, Michelle Muldowney, Mary Leatherman

Treasurer's Report (Chair: Diane Johnson)

- Treasurer's report presented.
- Total balance on hand as of October 12th, 2007 is \$28,722.

PTA President's Report (Co Presidents: Karen Schutz and Mary Hansen)

- District 37 Annual Dinner Meeting is Monday, October 22nd at 6pm.
- Hearts of Gold Dinner is February 23rd.
- Current two tier busing system not working. Third tier busing system has been proposed involving Conyers and St. Theresa schools. New busing plan should be decided by January for the 2008-2009 school year.
- In the short term, they are trying to purchase three (3) new buses for this school year. Meeting on October 18th to approve short term busing agreement.
- School calendar for 2008-2009 is August 21st through June 3.
- Need delegates for the General Membership Meetings.
- Need representatives for PCEE Meetings (10/31, 2/6, 4/16) at 1:30pm.

Other Topics:

- **PTA Funds:** All funds from Box Tops, Dominick's, Campbell Soup Labels, Yearbook, and recycled phones will now go directly to the PTA. A clarification was made at the President's Meeting that these funds are considered donations, not fundraisers. Checks can be sent directly to the PTA, instead of Pleasant Hill School.
- **6th Grade Party:** Some discussion took place regarding this year's 6th Grade Party. Clarification was made that this is a PTA sponsored event and future planning for this

- event will be done by the PTA, specifically the 6th grade room mothers. 6th Grade room mothers are allowed to hold fundraisers and/or ask the 6th Grade parents for a contribution to the party. Also, the party budget will be reviewed for next year since there is no longer an issue with the \$600 maximum contribution from the PTA. .
- In addition to the District 15 buses, a private bus service can also be used for this event.

Principal / Assistant Principal Report (Laurel Feldman / Kristy Seifert)

- Great job on Fall Fest!
- Great job with fundraising Ways & Means!
- Make A Difference, Student Council, and Earth Clubs are all up and running. Student Council elections are November 2nd.
- Halloween letter coming out soon.
- Experts are predicting bad weather on Thursday. We have reviewed our tornado procedures in the event we need to activate them. If we have a tornado warning, the children will be moved to the designated safe areas of the building. Parents will be allowed to pick up their children. Once the warning is lifted, children can walk home. Children will only be released to their parents. We will not release children to people listed as an emergency contact. However, if a parent has a letter on file in the school office stating that a specific person(s) can pick up their child(ren), then the children will be released to that person(s). If there is a tornado watch the children will be dismissed as usual. The weather monitor will be on at all times.
- Busing schedule is going well, so far no significantly delays. If the bus is significantly late, the school will call the parents to inform them the bus is late. If parents have any concerns as to the location of the bus or their child, please call the school.

Test Results

- 2006/2007 Results: Children did an excellent job!
- The AYP (Adequate Yearly Progress) results are listed below:
 - 96% Meeting in Reading
 - 98.3% Meeting in Math
 - 86.3 % Meeting in IEP Reading
 - 88.9% Meeting in IEP Math
- Writing portion was new to the test this year. Last writing scores were done in 2004. Scores overall were much lower than 2004, yet there may be many reasons for this such as 5th graders had never taken this test before. These scores will be consider a baseline and are not part of the AYP.
- Grade 5th and 6th will be tested this year. 3rd Graders will be tested in 2009.
- ISAT Testing is scheduled for March 3rd-14th.
- Question was raised about how well these results compare to last year's results. Ms. Seifert will pull these numbers for the next meeting.

Teacher's Representatives (Mr. Dano, Ms. Wada, and Ms. Harms)

Introduction

- Ms. Harms introduced herself to the PTA since she is a new teacher representative. Ms. Harms is the bilingual kindergarten teacher and is very excited to work with the PTA this year.

Class Review Per Grade

- Kindergarten: Pumpkins, and computer lab
- 1st Grade: Apple Picking, bats, caves, sorting, and 1st Americans
- 2nd Grade: Five senses, cardinal directions, and paragraphs
- 3rd Grade: Extended responses, descriptive writing, and Southeast region of the US
- 4th Grade: Rocks, minerals, people, environment, poetry, and extended responses
- 5th Grade: Explorers, crystals, and powders
- 6th Grade: Hands on activities for Earth, Ice Man diaries, and number of stars

Other Items

- Great job teachers, students, and parents on the math reassessments! Lots of hard work went into getting everyone in the appropriate math class.
- All computers can now handle AR software.
- Installation of projectors is on going.

COMMITTEES

Environmental Education (Chair: Margo Ban)

- 2nd Waste Free Lunch was held on Monday, October 15th.
- Received a \$1,600 check from Motorola for the recycled phone collection. Margo Ban will work with PTA presidents to determine where to allocate the funds.
- Looking into new recycling bins for cans. Need to prepare recycling plan for Fall Fest and Fun Fair.

Book Fair (Chair: Tina Freund, Donna Watson, Sue Curry, Kim Radochonski)

- Book Fair is October 22nd-October 25th
- Hours:
 - Oct 22nd Mon 8:45am-3:45pm
 - Oct 23rd Tue 8:45am-7:00pm
 - Oct 24th Wed 8:45am-8:00pm
 - Oct 25th Thu 8:45am-3:45pm
- Hours were extended on Tuesday, Oct 23rd to accommodate families coming to school for the 5th & 6th Grade Musical.
- Teacher Wish List will be posted at the Book Fair.
- Volunteers needed for take down on Friday, Oct 26th. Call Tina Freund for information.

Fall Fest (Chair: Lora Lewis)

- Huge success! Excellent turnout this year! Food was great!
- Next year committee will look into lighting up the blacktop area since it was a little dark.

Make A Difference (Chair: Judy Benka)

- Club is collecting gently used books for the needy next week. Last year we donated 2,900 books. This year's goal is 3,000 books.
- Treats for Troops will take place after Halloween. We will be collecting any Halloween candy you would like to donate to the Troops. Last year we donated over 485 pounds of candy to our Troops!

Scholarship (Chair: Lili Zheng)

- Need help to contacts for kickoff meeting.

Legislative Report (Chair: Margo Ban)

- Petition for Show Us the Democracy was passed around for signatures.

Ways and Means (Chair: Donna Kennedy/Trina Stuecklen)

- Excellent job with wrapping paper and Entertainment Books!
- Profit was \$17,400 for both fundraisers!
- Majority of the sales were in wrapping paper and candy. Magazine sales were low. Results do not support doing a separate magazine fundraiser in the future. There seems to be a lot of other groups selling magazine subscriptions.
- Entertainment books made about \$3,300. Per Donna Kennedy, it was a lot of work for a little profit. She does not recommend doing this next year.

Welcome Committee (Chair: Jeannie Purdy)

- Great turnout for Dads & Donuts day! Over 200 Dads showed up to share breakfast with their children!
- Next year the committee will plan to have two days to accommodate crowd.

New Business

International Event

- Discussion took place to gauge the level of interest in hosting an International event. PTA agreed that this was a great idea. General opinion was to host an International Fest. A committee will be formed to discuss ideas.

Motion to Adjourn at 8:35pm.

2nd Motion to Adjourn at 8:36pm.