

## **PTA Meeting Minutes - May 26, 2009**

### **Dr. Ertl - Wauwatosa School District news-**

Com Arts curriculum update- June 10<sup>th</sup> Board meeting for update on curriculum

District teacher leaders- help with consistency across district in curriculum, train teachers in new curriculum

Trade school- 16 students currently (would like 20), held at Fischer Building 1<sup>st</sup> year at least, open to special ed kids too; students can come back 7<sup>th</sup> hour for classes at East/West and be on sports teams at East/West; PTA council could oversee PTA for school (possibility);

Future of Fischer Building being investigated – \$3 million to renovate basement

State budget- \$1.5-\$3 million deficit for next school year (loss of Children's Hosp/ detention students), Possibility of lay offs, larger class sizes, decreased services; may take in more open enrollment students to make up for loss of students (approx. 100) and thus dollars

Power school software will help families do much more online, reduce paper; no more Webgrader- for next fall

Business meeting: 7:45pm called to order

Introductions: Jennifer Larson, Kelley Balcerowski, Cindy Anderson, Karen Zimmerman, Sherrill Knezel, Betsy Bolte, Angela Bravata, Joan Ross, Laura Startz, Kim Mihelich, Bonnie Ikizk, Lisa Jacobson, Kay Lorenzen, Mary Johnson

Minutes – approved

Treasure's report: All scholarship donations received- 16 scholarships paid at \$500/each, scholarship breakfast; last Founder's Day dinner check received; Money minder treasurer software- renewal due July 1<sup>st</sup>, discussed paying it this year although it will appear twice in the annual report

Motion to approve treasurer's report: Lisa Jacobson, 2nd: Betsy Bolte; approved

Bonnie made a motion to reduce the number of bank accounts by eliminating the savings accounts: 2<sup>nd</sup> by Lisa Jacobson: discussion; saving account keeps extra money separate from the general funds, put scholarship savings and general checking and transfer money at time for scholarships.

Amendment: To reduce the number of PTA Council banking accounts to one savings account for scholarship and one checking account for general account- Angela, 2<sup>nd</sup> Laura - approved and amended motion passed

No inclusive committee report

No legislative committee report: Leah Vukmir – opposed to reform for school funding

Scholarship breakfast: expenses \$873- under budget!

Wellness committee: District pandemic plan draft upcoming, CPR training happening this summer, Tosa United- drug usage report, trying to educate parents and increase parental involvement; next year want rep from each school at wellness meetings, Train the trainer (get PTA rep at each presentation to bring information back to schools)

Wellness committee dates for next school year: September 29, November 24, January 26, March 30, May 25; all meetings are at 4pm at Fischer Building

VP Communications- Directory of officers for next year are needed, send information to Kay Lorenzen or Laura Startz including chairs that you have for big events (newsletter, HID, legislative, teacher appreciation, children's theatre, etc). by first week of June please. Want to get membership cards out to units early.

Directory of officers past and present needed for Founder's Day invitations, please send information to Kay Lorenzen

President's tips to planning next school year packet handed out (see attached); HID scheduling: May 21 Roosevelt, McKinley March 5, Madison May 14, March 12 Eisenhower, Wittman March 23

Post Prom: post prom glitches (many kids missed the photo booth, no caricature artist this year) Bunzels did a great job with food. Group of volunteers will be getting together with the head of the Civic Alliance Organization to discuss student options that are being gathered.

News Briefs from schools:

*Washington:* Fun Fair, Cranky Al's, may meet income goals, teacher appreciation HID (600 under budget)

*Underwood:* HID, teacher appreciation breakfast, 2 teacher lunches, small gifts, Carnival upcoming (income generator), root beer float party last day of school

*East:* PTA flower sale->\$3000 sold; made \$1200, successful prom at school

*Roosevelt:* Service learning project with children's-, chair people in place, wrapping up, HID went well- interested in HID discussion with schools to see what worked etc

*McKinley:* teacher appreciation, Book fair, open house social for chairs thank you

*Eisenhower:* HID chocolate detectives, Betsy Ross (more parent involvement), Box top over \$3800 raiser, full set of officers next year,

*Madison:* HID went well, 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary, artist in residence- clay art in library, book fair did well (2<sup>nd</sup> of year), last day school party-lunch picnic

Adjourned 8:45pm

Submitted by Mary Johnson

## President's Tips to Planning for Next School Year

- \* Set your dates/times for your meetings and special events and submit them to your Principal to be listed on the school calendar (early May) Please check with your Principal (towards the end of May) to see if another school is having an event on the same day as your school, which might create a conflict in getting help and volunteers, such as High Interest Day.
- \* Remember to reserve your room for the meetings (Building use Permit) now so you are sure to have the room next year
- \* Once you have your **Officers in Place**, send their names and Contact information (address, e-mail address, phone) to:

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**Please send this information by the first week in June to all four places.**

This information is needed in order for you to get you Back to School Packets from the State and National Levels. If you are still in need of a Board Member at this time for a particular position, please send the information that you do have for the rest of your Board Members and supply the other Officer/s information when you have it.

\* By the **middle of June**, please send your list of Committee Chairs and their contact information (name, address, e-mail address, phone) to Laura Startz (see listing above for her e-mail address) so she can start working on the PTA Council Phone Directory.

**Note:** I realize you may not have all of your chairpersons in place at this time, but Laura can begin on the directory and add to your list when you have it completed.

We would like to have the directory ready for distribution by the end of September, when the first PTA Council meeting is held.

**Watch your e-mails for the PTA Packet Pick Up Date which will be in early August.**

Any questions, please call me:

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