

PJHS PTO Minutes
October 2, 2014

The 2014-2015 PJHS PTO met in the IMC at 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Lisa Albaugh (President)
Chris Nichols (Treasurer)
Elizabeth Tomera (Volunteer Coordinator)
Mr. Lambole (Principal)
Wendy Roach (Hospitality)
Angela Dejaynes
Nichole Schaeftbauer (PJHS CAC rep & CAC Secretary)
Jim Hayek (PJHS CAC rep & CAC President)
Staci Bryan
Lisa Nichols (Secretary)

The meeting was called to order by President Lisa Albaugh at 6:30 p.m.

Introductions:

Introductions were made as there were so many in attendance this month.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes were discussed. Elizabeth Tomera made the motion to approve the minutes with corrected attachment, Wendy Roach seconded.

President's Report:

Lisa A. attended the PTO President's Lunch. The meeting discussed elementary level topics mainly (liability and inflatables for example). Relevant topics included: volunteer screenings are not needed for a public event; Dr. Daniel is working on his long term plan; still having transportation issues which are being addressed (this is the last year with First Student and tend to be short staffed.) Town Hall Meetings are being held thru out the rest of the district. Carlock was the first location. The two questions that Dr. Daniel is asking: "What makes your school extraordinary? What would you like to see changed? "

Citizen's Advisory Council (CAC) Presentation:

PJHS has two of the three board members for CAC. Jim talked about the importance of interaction between CAC members and their schools. CAC members include two representatives from each elementary and three from each of the junior highs and high schools. Most of the school board and administrators are in attendance. Meetings are rotated among the various buildings in the district. Dr. Daniel usually does a state of the district update and might have guest speaker. The CAC September meeting covered facts regarding the council since 1940's and serves as a piggyback onto the school board. CAC researches topics of interest and submit the findings to the school board for consideration of implementation in our school district. Topics that are being

considered this year: non-standard school buildings, career cruising, smart classrooms, and advertising in schools. The reports are presented to the school board in February or March. The CAC is looking for topics to discuss next year.

Our representatives would like to attend more PTO meetings in order to keep a communication between the CAC, school and school board. Mr. Lamboley will be advertising for a third PJHS CAC member. Our Town Hall Meeting with Dr. Daniel will be November 6th.

Treasurer's Report:

Chris Nichols presented our monthly report. There was discussion regarding PE clothes sales in comparison to last year and the funds to be paid yet for our guest speaker novelist Neil Shusterman. Chris also mentioned the need to include a line item for bank fees. Elizabeth made a motion to alter our budget to include \$100 for bank fees. Jim seconded.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Lamboley mentioned several topics.

- He would like the PTO to provide refreshments at 5:30 for Dr. Daniel's listening tour. PJHS has set a goal that every student will have read Mr. Shusterman's books either aloud or as independent reading previous to his visit. The faculty wants the students to ask questions. There is a small group writing session offered that students must submit an essay in order to attend. There is also a luncheon with the author for those students that have read the most of his titles. He will also have a book signing event.
- Parent Teacher conferences are coming up on the 24th. Sign-ups are available on line for parents.
- Boy's Baseball made the IESA State tournament. There is a fan bus on Friday.
- Mr. Lamboley went to a diabetic clinic/class and has gained a deeper appreciation for the nurse and the teachers and what the kids are going thru. He can now do insulin shots for students if necessary.

Committee Reports:

- **Pack the Place** – Dates have been set for our four events.
 - 11/4 – Girls Basketball
 - 12/9 – Boys Basketball
 - 1/15 – Girls Volleyball
 - 2/12 - Wrestling
- **Popcorn** – Volunteers are only needed for a few more slots. Monthly event is going well.
- **Hospitality** – Wendy Roach reported that the event on the 8th is almost full. The Soup and Salad for conferences needs a few more people to sign up. PTO will set up around for the listening tour about 5:30 and cover the goodies and uncover after the discussion.
- **Landscaping** – Fall cleanup is continuing.
- **Volunteers Coordinator** – Elizabeth has updated our volunteer spreadsheet. This is her final year and will be looking for volunteers. There is a need for volunteers at Vision/Hearing day on 10/30.

Old Business:

The sign company has been to PJHS to make measurements.

New Business:

Mr. Lamboley would like for Hospitality to provide a breakfast for the Author's Visit. They will set up at 7am on the 21st. There will be a signup genius posted.

Our next PTO meeting will be held December 11th. Elizabeth made the motion to adjourn the meeting. Chris seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Nichols
PJHS PTO Secretary



REQUEST FOR PTO FUNDS

Contact Person: Courtney Knowles

Email Address: knowlesc@unit5.org **Phone Number:** 557-4408

Team/Group/Committee:

Literacy Committee

Date of Proposal:

10-3-13

Who will benefit from this request?:

all PJHS students in the 2014-2015 school year

What is the cost? Please include an itemized list, if possible: \$3200

Do you anticipate a need for more money from the PTO in the future? If so, when?

I may be asking for help with purchasing books for the IMC 2nd semester.

When do you need the funds?

November 2014

Where else have you tried to obtain funds?

Scholastic Book Fair, discussion of fundraiser, other literacy funds, grants,
Donor's Choose

If the PTO can't provide full funding, is there a smaller amount that would be acceptable?

We would appreciate any help for funding our author visit.

Description of request:

Neal Shusterman, premiere young adult author, will be in Champaign for an author visit next November. He contacted Mrs. Knowles with a chance to book him for PJHS since he will be in the vicinity. The literacy team was presented with the idea and felt it would be an excellent opportunity for our students. "One Author, One School" was decided upon as a theme. Each grade level will be required to read one of Mr. Shusterman's books to enhance the experience and the presentations will revolve around each novel. Discussion will include how he began writing in middle school, the writing process and question/answer. In addition to the three grade level presentations, Mr. Shusterman will also offer an autograph signing session. This is an amazing opportunity to meet and listen to a well-known author!

