

PJHS PTO Minutes
November 1, 2012

The 2012-2013 PJHS PTO met in the IMC at 6:30 p.m.

Members in attendance:

Stephanie Gillam (President)
Lisa Albaugh (Vice President)
Dan Lamboley (Principal)
Cassandra Lewis
David Lewis

The meeting was called to order by President Stephanie Gillam at 6:35 p.m.

Approval of Minutes:

This did not occur as the secretary was unable to attend at the last minute due to a medical emergency and could not provide the October minutes.

President's Report:

Stephanie welcomed everybody and introductions were made. She reported that she had attended the PTO Presidents' luncheon where they discussed the events that occurred at NCHS and the resulting concerns. Dr. Niehaus stated the district is looking into having "emergency kits" for each of the classrooms at each of the schools in the event that a lockdown situation might occur. It is only at a discussion phase for now.

Treasurer's Report:

Stephanie presented the treasurer's report since Katie couldn't attend the meeting. Additional income was reported as a result of larger profit from PE clothes than anticipated. Additionally, there were some new contributions to the No-Hassle fundraiser. Expenses from the Parent Teacher Conference luncheon were reported.

A suggestion was made to let parents know, particularly 6th grade parents, that the No-Hassle fundraiser is the only fundraiser that they will be asked by the PTO to participate in for the year.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Lamboley reported that the Parent Teacher Conference luncheon was appreciated. He also reported that the Literacy Project expenses are starting to come in with a current total of \$1431.00. Lenora is keeping track of these expenses.

Mr. Lamboley encouraged parents to continue to visit the website and provide feedback if there are suggestions for improving it. He brought school district report cards which provide a different perspective on the growth of our students than the ISAT and MAP scores indicate. The results showed that last year's 8th graders made significant gains over the course of their time at PJHS.

Mr. Lamboley also discussed the first Code Red evacuation. He felt that it went pretty well, but reported that they were able to learn several important lessons from the experience. He suggested that it would be important to consider having a "kit" stored at Redbird Arena with medications, etc. for the students.

Mr. Lamboley also mentioned that Dr. Niehaus would like for all students to be able to carry cell phones to class as a result of the NCHS incident. Some discussion followed with attendees voicing concerns of abusive of cell phone privileges. Mr. Lamboley stated he was opposed to the idea and would update us as he knew more.

Mr. Lamboley began a discussion of "promise councils" which he requested continue next month when he could provide more information. The beginning discussion indicated that these "councils" would have teachers, community leaders and a PTO representative meeting to support students' needs at the request of administration. The support would come in a variety of forms including, but not limited to, mentoring, providing resources, making connections with organizations or individuals to help fulfill needs. Although this is a new concept, Mr. Lamboley would like to see this started on a small scale (possibly at the 6th grade level) first to try a test run. Current active "promise councils" exist at Oakdale and Pepper Ridge.

Committee Reports:

- **Hospitality**-The luncheon was successful. Pam Jefferson has made contact with the volunteers for the committee to start planning for the holiday luncheon.
- **Pack the Place**-The next event is scheduled for the Boys' Basketball games on Nov. 8th.
- **Popcorn**-The committee is still in need of a few volunteers.
- **Landscaping**-Things look good for now.

Upcoming Events:

Nothing to report.

Old Business:

The director of technology was at PJHS this week looking at what is needed to get the monitors up and running. No specific completion date was indicated, but progress is being made.

New Business:

Buddy, the head custodian, will be retiring this year. This is the only scheduled retirement.

Our next PTO meeting is December 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the IMC. David Lewis moved to adjourn the meeting. Stephanie Gillam seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Albaugh
PJHS PTO Vice President