

**Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO
October 13, 2011**

Attendance: Erin Estabrook, Stephanie Gillam, Joe Lorenz, Val Farmer-Dougan, Dan Lamboley

President's report: see new business below.

Secretary's report: A motion to approve the minutes was made by Joe, Stephanie seconded the motion; the motion was unanimously passed.

Principal's report: Mr. Lamboley distributed the October Python Post newsletter to the members present. This month's newsletter focuses on reading and preparing your student for tests. He noted several important dates:

- There will be a book drive at Barnes and Nobles on October 22nd
- There will be a full evacuation drill conducted on Tuesday, 10/18 at 1:30. Students will walk to NCWHS and back.

School activities are up and running. Speech and the fall sports teams are well underway, as is the school play. The first pack the place will be held in November.

Treasurer's report: Joe presented this month's budget. He gave an update on the No hassle fundraiser and P.E. clothes programs. Noted we were slightly up in donations and PE clothing. Purchases include the money to repair the front sign, cookies for open houses, and a P.E. fund.

Hospitality: Crock pot dishes and other food donations will be needed from parents for the Parent-Teacher-Student conference day Brunch on October 21s.

Pop Corn Fridays: Popcorn Fridays are underway and going well.

Landscaping: We will need to schedule on more clean up day in November, pending weather forecasts.

Pack the Place Dayna Brown sent the list of directions. Lori Mays will take care of publicity and the raffle tickets for the Spirit Club. The first Pack the Place date is November 10th (also the date of the next PTO meeting- see below).

New Business: Transportation problems were discussed. Currently, several bus routes are arriving and leaving late, sometimes as much as 45 min to an hour after schedule. This appears to be due to a shortage of drivers. Erin and Mr. Lamboley reported that the transportation committee along with district staff are making several moves to remedy the situation. Short term solutions include hiring new drivers and revising routes. Long term solutions include revisiting school start times, developing incentive reward programs for high performing drivers, extra training for the drivers, and letting parents officially opt out of transportation, so drivers do not pass by parts of the routes needlessly.

Old Business: The front sign repair has been scheduled, pending arrival of parts. Mr. Lamboley is working with the unit tech office to handle software issues before the monitors for the front hallway are purchased.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 11/10/11 at 7:00 instead of 6:30 due to Pack the Place.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:47 pm.

Respectfully submitted
Val Farmer-Dougan, Secretary