

**Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO
February 10, 2011**

In attendance: Joe Lorenz, Lisa Matchett, Val Farmer-Dougan, Daniel Lamboley, Loren Baele, Zack Gilbert

Special Guests and Report: Loren Baele, coordinator for Unit 5 technology, and Zack Gilbert, 6th Grade teacher and one of the teachers interested in increasing technology, attended tonight's meeting. Loren reported on the cost of three options for laptop/netbooks, with prices ranging from \$450 to \$720, depending on size and capacity, per unit. Zack reported how teachers would plan to use the laptops as part of their daily instruction, including internet research, improving typing skills, using PowerPoint for presentations, and using the CMS systems. Ideally, the teachers would love to have one laptop per child.

After a brief discussion, it was decided to search for grant funding to provide a minimum of 30 full lap/carts to hold them for each team (cost estimated at \$720 x 30 x 7 teams, plus carts at approximately \$160,000). Val will work with Zack Gilbert to look for possible grant options, and this will become a long term goal for PTO to assist with, but not fully fund.

Secretary's Report: Joe motioned to approve the January, 2011 minutes. Lisa seconded the motion, and the motion was passed.

President's report: Volunteers are needed for the Book Fair February 14th-18th, as well as general library help. Contact Mrs. Knowles if you are interested in volunteering.

There have been some problems with late buses in the afternoon. This is due to too few drivers, and some drivers having to double back and drive two routes. If you know of anyone looking for a part time job, Unit 5 is looking for good bus drivers.

Principal's report: Online registration will be available for next year, although payments will still have to be made by mailing in or sending the check. Mr. Lamboley will be sure and add the PTO information and the volunteer checklist to the online information. PJHS will be getting a new website to go along with this new system. Watch for changes.

Mr. Lamboley distributed the February newsletter, which will be sent out via email. Highlights include getting ready for ISATS, the new phone numbers for PJHS, Speech team news, congratulations to the PJHS honor band for their performance at All-State, congratulations to the 8th grade basketball team for their 4th place at state, and the second quarter honor roll.

Treasurer's report: Joe reviewed this month's budget. Pack the Place made a large profit over over \$450. Congrats to the Spirit Club and Pack the Place coordinators. Insurance for this year was paid at \$375, and the \$120 bill for the Ipod docks was paid. Bids are currently being submitted for fixing/replacing parts of the PJHS sign out front. Money has been set aside for the 8th grade activity, and Dayna Brown and Mrs. Freeman will coordinate this, most likely as an 8th grade only dance.

Hospitality Lisa reported for hospitality. Teacher/staff appreciation week will be the first week of May, including a custodian's lunch. Nurses' day is May 6th, and administrative professional's day is April 27th. We will need food donations, as well as prize donations for appreciation week, and individuals to man the phones in the front office when the administrative professionals go out to lunch.

Pack the Place No report this month (although see the Treasurer's report).

Popcorn Fridays No report this month.

Old Business: Magnets have been ordered with the new telephone information. We will wait on ordering the window clings.

Positions are currently open for the 2011-2012 PTO including President, Vice President, Pack the Place co-coordinator, Volunteer coordinator and a hospitality coordinator..

New Business None

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, March 10th at 6:30 pm.

Motion to adjourn was made by Val, seconded by Joe and unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted
Val Farmer-Dougan, PTO secretary