Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO
March 10, 2011

Attendance: Lisa Matchett, Erin Estabrook, Stephanie Gillam, Laura O'Donell, Nancy Nakahara-Hulett, Pam Jefferson, Val Farmer-Dougan, Dan Lamboley

President's report: Staff appreciation week is coming up. Administrative assistance day is 4/27, and volunteers are needed to staff the office while they go out to lunch. The first week in May is teacher appreciation week, and the them will be "Resort". Thursday will be a fiesta luncheon. More details to come.

There is one retirement this year, Mrs. Lakin, the guidance counselor. Lisa will look into getting her an embroidered tote bag, or similar gift.

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

Principal's report: Mr. Lamboley distributed the March newsletter to the members present. This will also go out on the web and as an email via Skyward.

Late start is going well, teachers have developed SMART goals for professional learning and community teams. Rexie Lanier is also working with the teachers and students on Reading interventions. The ability to work together consistently on a common goal is working well. Finally, teachers are using the clickers purchased partially with PTO funds and integrating them into the classroom very successfully.

A new technology committee has been formed. This committee will develop technology goals for PJHS and look for grants/funding sources. Mr. Gilbert will head this committee.

The PJHS chess team did very well. The seventh grade placed second at state, and many individuals from the team also placed.

March 16th will begin the "Where I'm From" poetry project for literacy.

MAP testing will be April 4-8th. Fifth graders from the feeder schools will also be taking the MAP tests this year, which will provide the 6th grade team teachers additional information about each student.

Important dates:
Spring break is 3/21-3/25
Late start 4/6
Sixth grade orientation 4/28 from 6:30-7:30 pm.
Awards night will be 5/17 from 6-8 pm.

Treasurer's report: Joe presented this month's budget. There were few expenditures this month. In addition, we are somewhat over-funded going into next year. Several potential funding

opportunities were discussed, including the purchase of computer carts, fixing the PJHS sign. Quotes for the sign are coming in from $1200-$2500 dollars, so these will need to be carefully evaluated. Also, nets for the discus and shotput areas are needed. Mr. Clark will investigate the cost of this. Finally, Joe noted that Erin and Stephanie would need to be added to the checking account for next year.

New Business: **The slate of officers for the 2010-2011 school year will be as follows:**

President:	Erin Estabrook
Vice-President:	Stephanie Gillam
Treasurer:	Joe Lorenz
Secretary:	Val Farmer-Dougan

Eighth Grade Dance:

The 8th grade dance will be May 14th from 7 to 9 pm. The 8th grade is asking for $500 total for the dance. Students will also purchase $5 tickets, with financial assistance for those who could not otherwise go. There will be a DJ, snacks and a t-shirt to memorialize their time at PJHS.

Joe made a motion to approve the $500 funds, Erin seconded the motion, and it was unanimously passed.

Old Business: Magnets have arrived, thanks to Nancy, and only cost $199. These will be included in the registration packets for all, given that the numbers have changed.

Orientation packets will need to be readied during the month of May. The volunteer file should be compiled as forms come in.

Landscaping this spring just needs some weed killer and a slight bit of pruning.

Next Meeting. The next meeting will be held Thursday, 4/14/11.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:43.

Respectfully submitted
Val Farmer-Dougan
Secretary