

**Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO  
September 10,2009**

**In Attendance:** Valerie Ambrose, Joe Lorenz, Lisa Matchett, Ken Breeden, Sarah Breeden, Angela Rachel, Lisa Hoffbauer, Kenny Lee, Valerie Wilder and Valeri Farmer-Dougan.

**Secretary's Report:** No minutes from August, 2009. .

**President's report:** Valerie noted that the ordering of the rugs for the front hall continues to be researched. We still need a pack the place coordinator. Shredders for the school have been purchased. There is a continuing need for a landscape chair and help with front landscaping. The Budget was worked on in August..

**Principal's report:** Many changes in the new school year, including the academic teams, changes to the building, many new staff, and significant changes to the curriculum. All of the changes have been implmeneted, and the year is off to a good start. We especially want to welcome our new assistant principal, Mr. Clark.

Sports are off to a good start. Softball is almost over, but baseball and cross country continue. Speech is also gearing up.

Seventh grade open house has already occurred, as has 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Eighth Grade open house will be next Tuesday.

**Treasurer's report:** Joel distributed the approved budget, and it was briefly discussed. Joel noted that we were hit with a \$415 late fee for a misfiling with the IRS. Discussion also ensued regarding ways to increase participation and membership Mrs. Breeden motioned for approval of the 2009-2010 budget, and Lisa Hoffbauer seconded. The motion was unanimously passed.

**Upcoming events:** **Eighth grade open house, pack the place, and the Parkside 5K run on September 26<sup>th</sup>.**

**New Business:** **We need a new landscaping chair and committee. Valerie A. will try and contact Kelly Depo-Tinsley, as she has a new 6<sup>th</sup> grader and has previously served on the landscaping committee at Prairieland. We will also contact NCWHS and the boyscouts for assistance.**

Registration review: It went very well. The only significant problem was the line at the table for P.E. clothes, due to parents and students checking sizes on the P.E. clothes. Next year we may want to have a separate table in the center of the cafeteria with samples, so parents can decide on sizes before getting in line.

Several parents also requested a PTO calendar, list of officers and events. We will try and get this into the summer mailing for next year, and have extras available as handouts at registration.

The Parkside activity night will be October 8<sup>th</sup> (edited to note that it was moved to October 15<sup>th</sup>).

Bike racks need to be replaced, and perhaps a safer location be found. We might underwrite the purchase of these items.

The faculty/staff breakfast was reviewed. There appeared to be enough food, although it was noted that we need to always add at least an additional 30 people to the total number of staff/faculty due to itinerant teachers and staff. It was recommended that we make a guidebook for the hospitality committee to provide guidelines and list of previous events/planning in the future.

Mr. Lee will distribute the gift bottles of water for teachers on September 14<sup>th</sup>.

There will be an October PTC luncheon.

Phase I of the literacy program, including a Reader's Workshop at the middle school level has been implemented.

**Old Business:**            **The entry mats are still a work in progress. Valeri A. will contact at least 2 vendors to compare prices and delivery dates.**

**Next Meeting.**            **The next meeting will be held Thursday, October 8th.**

Respectfully submitted  
Val Farmer-Dougan  
Acting secretary