

Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO
January 14, 2010

Attendance: Kenneth Lee, Valerie Ambrose, Ginger Tutewiler, Valerie Wilder, Michelle Hoerner, Joe Lorenz, Val Farmer-Dougan

Special Guests: Mary Jefferson and Margarita Alavarez from the Unit 5 Diversity Advisory Committee.

- Special Presentation:** We were fortunate to have a presentation by Mary Jefferson and Margarity Alvarez on the DAC, or Diversity Advisory Committee for Unit 5. Mary and Margarita informed us that this was committee was a direct extension of the Superintendent, and introduced the members of the committee and the focus of the committee. A question and answer period followed the presentation.
- President's report:** Valerie noted the items under new and old business. She also reported on the teacher thank-you's for the holiday presents and holiday luncheon.
- Secretary's report:** A motion to approve the minutes after was made by Michelle H. and seconded by Joe L.; the motion was unanimously passed.
- Principal's report:** Mr. Lee thanked PTO on behalf of himself and the faculty/staff for the holiday presents . Several thank you cards were also passed around for viewing.
- Mr. Lee reported that the semester was off to a good start. The scorer's table purchased by the PTO has arrived and is currently being used. It looks quite professional and is a much needed improvement. New explorations classes wil begin soon. The literacy components of the new literacy project have begun. Staff started with writing a 6 word memoir, and students will soon begin their own 6-word memoir. A new theme has begun with the new year, and the faculty workshop included some special PJHS trivia, which got the year off to a great start. The next Activity night will be February 5th, and it will be a fundraiser for St. Jude. Wrestling and volleyball are well underway, and spring music contests will be starting up soon.
- Treasurer's report:** The budget is on track, although Pack the Place income is still slightly lower. No new funding requests have been submitted.
- Upcoming events:** The last pack the place has been rescheduled due to a snow day.
Activity night will be February 4th.
8th grade parents' planning for high school and beyond is scheduled for Feb. 8th.
- Old Business:** The bike rack is probably better to fix rather than replace. We will have the outside sign repaired soon, it appears to be an electrical problem. Mr. Enderland will be contacted regarding getting the landscaping started for spring.
- New Business:** We need to start looking for new officers for the 2010/2011 school year. Elections will be held in May. To advertise this we will develop a PTO flyer.
- Next Meeting.** The next meeting will be held Thursday, 2/11/10.

Respectfully submitted
Val Farmer-Dougan
Secretary