

**Minutes for Parkside Junior High PTO**  
**April 16, 2009**

- Secretary's Report:** Minutes from February, 2009 were approved.
- President's report:** Michelle introduced the CAC representative Dan Burmeister and final CAC reports were given. All reports are available on the CAC website at [www.unit5.org](http://www.unit5.org).
- Principal's report:** Mr Cooper, assistant principal, met with the PTO to discuss changes to the teams next school year. He noted that, because of the impending curricular changes, the teams had also been re-aligned. This should provide better quality education as the new curriculum changes are implemented. More specifically, it is most likely that 6<sup>th</sup> grade will have 3 teams composed of 3 teachers and 1 team of 2 teachers, along with appropriate support staff. Seventh grade will likely be composed of 2 teams with 5 core teachers, while 8<sup>th</sup> grade will consist of two 4-core teacher teams and 1 3-core teacher teams. Core courses will continue to include language arts, literature and composition, science and math. In addition, all students will be exposed to additional language arts time. Implementation of the 6-core encore courses for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade will begin next year, while 8<sup>th</sup> graders will select from foreign language or an advanced course in an encore curriculum.
- Treasurer's report:** Donna reviewed the current budget. Michelle noted that Mr. Lucas had not yet contacted Mr. Lee regarding ordering of the entry carpet. Finally, upon questioning athletic needs for PJHS, Mr. Cooper suggested purchasing several scorers' tables for the athletic program.
- Upcoming events:** Sixth grade orientation will be held on April 21st at 6:30. April 22<sup>nd</sup> is Professional Administrator's day. Awards night will be May 12<sup>th</sup>. Cookies will be made by the kitchen staff; volunteers are needed to pass out cookies and punch.
- New Business:** Nominations for the PTO Board are requested. Most importantly, there is a need for the treasurer position. Michelle may volunteer! In addition, the volunteer coordinator position is open. This individual coordinates Pack-the-Place, Popcorn Fridays, and all volunteers.
- Teacher and staff retirements include Jane Sumrall, Mary Jane Zook, Gretchen Cetin and Nadean Foley. \$25 gift certificates and a nice embroidered bag have traditionally been given as retirement gives. Michelle will work on finding a new place to get the bags.

**Old Business:**           The 8<sup>th</sup> graders have not reported back on a final event.

**Next Meeting.**           **The next meeting will be held Thursday, May 14th.**

Motion to adjourn was made by Donna, Valerie seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved.

Respectfully submitted  
Val Farmer-Dougan  
Acting secretary