

PTO Meeting minutes – September 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order at 6:38 pm.

Present: Kasey Adkins, Samina Das Barritt, Angelique Boerst, Jenn Carlson, Jennifer Carney, Susan Carroll, Jenine Curry, Paula Gardner, Shaun Harrison, Deanna Kempke, Wanda Perez, Caitlin Phillips, Amy Pufahl, Alison McCrystal, Simone McDaniel, Amy Penoyar, Carol Shakarian, Janet Shane

General Meeting

Principal's Report

- Carol Shakarian presented PowerPoint presentation – continuous improvement – “Pittsfield Rocks”
- Staff Changes:
 - Bethany Tabaka moved to 3rd grade at Carpenter
 - Meghan Lowe moved to 1st grade/Title 1 in Arlington, VA
 - Ebony Peoples moved to elementary in Dallas, TX
 - Kelly Hollis moved to 1st grade in Warrendale, MI
- Enrollment – stands at 253 students – enrollment at end of last year was 235
- Site work:
 - new signage
 - art room upgrades – tables, sinks, roll cabinets, and new computerized kiln (all purchased with bond dollars)
 - new table and chairs for office conference room
- New Staff:
 - Parapro - Diana Bear and Melinda Murphy
 - Teachers - Jenny Barcelata - 5th grade, Melissa Jaegar - 3rd grade, Elizabeth Torrey - 1st grade
 - Timario Wilkins – Orchestra
 - Jeri Schneider and Janet Heilman – Media
 - Alex Vinter – Art
 - Office – Barb Moore
 - Office – Jane Winters moves to ½ time between Pittsfield and Mack – here all day on Wednesdays
- MEAP writing exam returns for 4th grade
- Reading Targets:
 - K – 82.2%
 - 1 – 88%
 - 2 – 89%
 - 3 – 73%
 - 4 – 72%
 - 5 – 80%

Business Meeting

Secretary's Report

- Minutes deferred

Treasurer's Report

- Wanda Perez presented proposed budget for school year, includes proposal to grant \$70 per specials teacher, \$490 total. Motion to approve proposed budget made by Alison McCrystal, seconded by Susan Carroll, passed.
- Carol Shakarian suggested payment to two child care workers \$30 a piece to cover curriculum night. Motion to approve made by Alison McCrystal, seconded by Jenn Carlson, passed.
- Kid Gram program from June minutes was not able to run per Carol Shakarian, as no teachers could take on project at this time.

Fundraising:

- Alison McCrystal presented information regarding a fundraising letter versus a typical fall fundraiser. Letters would ask for donations to PTO in lieu of traditional fall fundraising. The Fun Run will be offered. Kickoff October 4, 2010, event scheduled October 25, 2010.
- Paula Gardner presented information regarding the PTO Thrift Shop. Pittsfield will receive check the end of September 2010 for \$1970. Will also receive \$500 whenever John and Paula Gardner attend PTO Thrift meeting. Next Pittsfield donation drive scheduled for January 12, 2011.
- Deanna Kempke presented a merchandising update. Pittsfield has a new vendor for apparel, Sunrise, all prices have increased due to cotton price increase. Sunrise has waived their \$25 initial setup fee.
- Samina Das Barritt presented information on upcoming restaurant nights. Marco's Pizza scheduled for curriculum night, Tuesday, September 21, 2010, will receive 20% of proceeds. Cold Stone Creamery scheduled for September, 28, 2010, will received 30% of proceeds.

President's Report

- Deanna Kempke welcomed new and returning PTO members.
- Curriculum night – Alison McCrystal agreed to represent PTO
- Fall Fest – Fran Steele agreed to chair event again this year. Cobie Ward agreed to assist with maze. New parent Kasey Adkins volunteered also.
- Welcome Breakfast held on September 7, 2010, the first day of school. Many new parents in attendance.

Amy Pufahl motioned to adjourn meeting at 8:56 pm, seconded by Alison McCrystal.