

PTA MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 15, 2007

Present :

Felicia DePaola	Kerri Bernard	Debbie Jond
Steve Kaplan	Bill Stark	Rick Buzin
Karen Bronson	Maureen Braren	Wendie Segulic
Ron Valenti	Vanessa Janic	Tracy Taylor
Kevin Fittinghoff	Jennifer Starr	Debra Velleca
Jill Maitland	Jen Schlactus	Maida Robinson
Julie Hartman	Tammy Vavolizza	

Meeting was called to order at 8:07 pm.

PTA-Administration Dialogue: PT Aides

Dr Valenti:

- PT aides have been a successful experiment so far
- Initial concern was whether we could find enough qualified people – the opposite has occurred as very qualified people have responded

Tracy Taylor: Analysis of PT aides at RSS:

- w/r/t this year – open fields have led to an increase in trips to nurse, more contact sports (football, soccer) have led to more sports related injuries as compared to last year when the fields were not open
- have a lot more space to cover than last year
- a security guard is outside where Carolyn Greaige's spot was
- lunch aides are placed outside to supplement aides assigned to individual children
- to date, there have been 11 disciplinary issues , 4 of them are “repeat offenders”

Gene Wolotsky:

- most PT aides are at RSS, 4 at BBMS and 0 at BBHS
- they are showing up for work and doing their job
- aides will be at Superintendent Conference Day next week
- Re: transition between am and pm aides – there is some overlap, in beginning of year, each aide received a communication folder where comments are placed by the am / pm aides each day, communication is going well between the am and pm aides
- BOE has samples of the Communication Folder
- If there is a larger issue on a particular day, the teacher in the room will make aide aware of it

Comment by Rick Buzin:

- K aides are assigned to help class in general vs. PT aides are assigned to a specific child
- all PT aides have very specific jobs

K. Bronson: MS aides have transitioned well

Question re: interest from school tax-Steve Kaplan and Dr. Valenti
-it may have a possible impact on budget for next year
-estimated 150 -170K for whole year
-will monitor and put and estimate in to budget
-unsure if it will go to school or be returned to taxpayers
-if use as revenue for 2008-09, can possibly lower taxes

New Protocol for all PTA Events:

-For any PTA sponsored events , event chairs must contact Jonathan Ross RE:
security and custodial personnel
-all groups that use school facilities must contact and coordinate with J. Ross

PTA By Laws- Jill Maitland:

- must be updated every 3 years
- the committee examined the Bylaws and made a few changes
- anyone who is a PTA member can vote on the Bylaws
- difference between Executive Board and Executive Committee:

Executive Board: consists of the Executive Committee, chairmen of all standing committees (those listed in the DAF), plus 3 teacher liaisons (1 from each school, need 1 from MS and 1 from HS)) , meets 2x per year

Executive Committee (as we have it set up) = all officers plus the immediate past co presidents

-We determine the number of VPS- **we need 10 VPS**

-Motion made to accept bylaws, motion second and Bylaws were accepted
-21 people were present to vote on bylaws, need 17 for quorum

Treasurer's Report – Debbie Jond:

-ASA number is high as instructors need to be paid , approx net will be 8 K
-Boutique approx net is \$ 2300 – (last year was bit higher at \$ 2700)
-Lord and Taylor - \$ 745
-Pumpkin Fair -\$ 3435 is a final number
-Wrapping Paper – approx is \$ 11-12K
-Events paid for as curriculum enhancement: Brucemobile, Focus Staff
Conference at Columbia U, HS students to Culinary Institute

Committee Reports:

Ways and Means: Wendie Segulic

- Boutique, not as busy this year
- Pumpkin Fair was a success
- Book Fair – 1st week of December, will be 1 evening to shop

Programming-Jen Schlactus:

- readying for Science Night, Movie Night and Young Writer's Conference
- need chairs and help for the MS/HS Spelling Bees
- Family Volunteer Day being coordinated

Family PTA week in February – to bring parents and kids together

-? Perhaps Green Day ?

Motion made, second and minutes from the October meeting were approved

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 pm