

## PTSA MEETING MINUTES - Sept. 11, 2009

**Attendees:** Linda Falcone, Kathy Reuter, Cherie Wholey, Janet Merrithew, Beth Baryames, Laurel Lang, Janice Kagenski, Shelly Gillis, Rachana Suchdev, Kathy King, Dayna Anderson, Lynn Goldberg, Beth Ide, Maryanne Shanley, Betsy Solon, Maura Loftus, Iris McLaughlin, Lisa Schmalz, Ruth Kabel, Ellen Allen, Leslie Eisenberg, Robbin Dunn, Kimber Harmon, Cindy Van Coughnett, and Debi Davis

**Principal's Report:** 7<sup>th</sup> grade orientation survey given to each student on the first day. Faculty and administration review for improvements for next year. Back to school nights are Sept. 14<sup>th</sup> for 8<sup>th</sup> grade and Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> for 7<sup>th</sup> grade. Approximately 25 parents came to volunteer orientation held on Sept. 4<sup>th</sup>. Our middle school program is being evaluated using 3R's - revisit, reflect, and redesign. There will be a continued focus on literacy/reading this year in both grades. School uses 'Power School' computer system, six teachers are trained on system and it meets school's needs well. NECAP testing is October 6, 7, 8, and 9. Mrs. Goyette will send out dates via email. She stressed that attendance by every student is key. Algebra placement decision is first made based on the spring math placement test. There is a second screening done in 7<sup>th</sup> grade during the first 3 weeks of school. Mrs. Ball, Head of Math Dept. at the high school, helped with placements.

**Overview of PTSA Year/Events:** Ruth Kabel said that PTSA is involved in all of the following; Old Homes Day, Student Directory, Reflections, Destination Imagination Sponsorship, Talent Show, 7<sup>th</sup> grade barbecue, 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance and party, Student Council Reception, Box Tops, Spirit Wear, library and front office volunteers, CPR class, and staff appreciation. Volunteers are always welcome or just come to PTSA meeting to see what is going on in your child's school.

**Review of Minutes:** Shelly Gillis made a motion to accept minutes. Cherie Wholey seconded it. All were in favor.

**Treasurer's Report:** Ellen Allen presented 2009-2010 budget. Debi Davis made a motion to accept budget. Lisa Schmalz seconded it. All were in favor. The audit has not been done, will be done ASAP.

**Events:** Debi Davis stated more volunteers needed for PTSA booth at Old Home's Day! Cindy Van Coughnett said Jordan's Walk baskets will be assembled Sept. 16<sup>th</sup>. Drivers Betsy Solon and Rachana Suchdev will deliver baskets when completed.

**Committee Reports:** Cindy Van Coughnett said PTSA Membership is down, will have forms at open houses. Student directories will hopefully be delivered in early October. Shelly Gillis volunteered to host Student Council Reception. Leslie Eisenberg reported 152 orders for Spirit Wear! Lynn Goldberg reviewed the Scrip fundraiser - utilizes shopping cards that you use everyday such as Walmart, Dunkin Donuts, etc. You pay face value for card and it has no expiration date. 1% of your purchase gets placed in your own child's fund for DC trip. Orders are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month. See HBMS website for more information.

**Bulletin Boards:** Four to be decorated for Monday open house.

**Officers:** Slate of officers presented: Cindy Van Coughnett, 1<sup>st</sup> vice president, Lynn Goldberg, 2<sup>nd</sup> vice president, Ellen Allen, treasurer, and Debi Davis, secretary. Beth Baryames made motion to accept slate of officers. Rachana Suchdev seconded. All were in favor. Next meeting is October 9<sup>th</sup> at 8:30AM. ---Debi Davis-Secretary ---