

## PTA MEETING

November 4, 2009

Meeting called to order at 9:39am

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, motion accepted

### **Presidents report:**

#### **Welcome:**

- Committee Openings – AHAP, Budget, Community Events, Wellness
- Helping Hands sheets – Garden Boutique, Spring Fling, Shop & Dine
- Change in Movie Day to January 18, 2010
- Shop & Dine - Thursday, December 3 @ 6:30 pm
- Custodial Work Request Form for Jim for all events that need custodial help
- Stop & Shop A+ Bonus Bucks – Register your card online
- Founders Day – March 18<sup>th</sup> – Melville Marriott
- NYS PTA Advocacy Alert – Mid-year cuts that will affect us. Send a letter to oppose these 2 million dollar cuts
- Spring Fling – Looking for volunteers for sub-committees and soliciting

#### **Thank you:**

Thank you to all committee members and volunteers who helped out with: Spirit Day, Fall Festival, Reflections, Fun Book, Fall book Fair, PTA Directory, Membership, Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Big Help, Box Tops, Birthday Book Club, Website

#### **Treasurers Report:**

- Fall Festival – about \$2,500...good profit considering it wasn't supposed to be a fundraiser
- Car Wash – approx. \$900

#### **Correspondence:**

We received a Thank You note from the teachers for the "Caring for Cody" Fundraiser at the Fall Festival. Also read a note from Mrs. Giamalvo for the Book Fair.

#### **Teacher Representatives Report:**

Mrs. Laura Kelly – Personal thank you for "Caring for Cody" Fundraiser.

#### **Principal's Report:**

- Parent Teacher Conferences – appointment letters will be coming home soon
- NYS State Social Studies Exam – Nov. 16 & 17

- Ms. Ostrosky & Mr. Smalley have been meeting with all grade levels to talk about school rules, behavior, and character. Teaching them respect and responsibility. Online Parent/ Student Handbook available
- Report Card online – Make sure you have an activation key for your Parent Portal
- Demonstration of Infinite Campus on district web site
- Thank you for Fall Festival

#### **Council Report:**

1. Get involved to stop budget cuts
2. HS students to go to Spain
3. Founders Day
4. Kid Stuff books need to be returned or money needs to be sent in for purchased books

#### **Committee Reports:**

AHAP: no report

#### Allergy:

- Changing to daytime meetings, Nov. 17 am meeting time TBA
- Walkie talkies on Sports fields for kids – this is in the works
- Encourage all parents to come to meetings and find out what is going on. Great resource for parents. Christina Noriega will be coming to speak to us at a future PTA meeting
- Make sure you are following the guidelines for the food for upcoming holidays
- Mario's has gluten free pizza and starting a gluten free menu. In the works to have them collaborate on parties

#### Arts in Education:

- Character Ed assembly about choices was well received by all
- Friday – Magic Show coming to school
- Reflections – 10 went on from our school to the States. State judging on Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. PTA meeting for acknowledge to come in early 2010

Budget: no report

#### Community Awareness:

- No updates on any development projects
- New light on Bagatelle Rd. and Wilmington Dr.
- HSW light going in by the track. Road work has started by Melrose and Wolf Hill
- Low Flying planes and noise complaint line – 631-752-7707 Press 4 Must have the time/Date and Location of the low flying plane

Diversity: meeting not attended by representative. Looking for a volunteer to go to the meetings b/c of a conflict. Kathy Hogan volunteered to attend. Spread the word to end the "R" word at the next Forum Nov. 10<sup>th</sup> @7:30 at Fran Greenspan Administration Center

### Education:

Next meeting is this Friday about transition into High School and preparation for College Applications

### Facilities:

- Vincent Gello is retiring after 28 years of service in December.
- New district electrician and plumber being hired next month
- Our buildings are inspected weekly and Principals sign off on those reports.
- Signal Hill Parking lot probably won't happen for two years.
- West Hollow A/C still broke. Events might have to be re-schedule
- HSE got all new bathrooms and ramp installed in Music Dept.
- West Hollow – replacing carpet with tile. Parking lot ramp by buses needs to be fixed

### Legislation:

1. Meet the Candidate night last week – 200 community residents in attendance
2. Next meeting will be November 16<sup>th</sup> at 11:15 at HSW

### Nutrition:

- November 19<sup>th</sup> all schools will be having a Thanksgiving Lunch
- Snack Wrap program will be starting on HS and Middle school levels. Wrapped snacks will be donated instead of being thrown out.
- Pace Program should be in all schools
- HSE finished their weight rooms
- Next meeting will be at Signal Hill Cafeteria to see how it is run

### PRC/Networking:

Last meeting was a seminar on Study Skills. Parents requested copies of the pamphlet given out at the seminar. Information based on Study Skill Specialist Judith Dodge. [cornedwick@aol.com](mailto:cornedwick@aol.com)

### Publicity:

1. Website is updated every Sunday
2. Please send any info that you want updated
3. Flyers are available
4. Helping Hands are also available on-line
5. Parent Portal Link from the PTA Website.
6. Field trip form available on the Signal Hill Web site.

School Board: no report

### Special Education:

- Thank you to all the parents who helped out with Fall Novelty Sale. They had a great profit on sale to pay for the Special Education Staff Recognition Breakfast
- SOAR Dinner coming up at Crazy Donkey November 21<sup>s</sup>. If you can't make it you can still buy raffles tickets.
- Still looking for 3, 4 and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students for peer modeling at Signal Hill, Forest Park.

- Ryan Quinn to speak on November 18<sup>th</sup> about helping your children with behavior

Task Force:

- Asst. director of Day Top spoke about available programs for children and families who need treatment for drug abuse. Teach your children at a young age that they need to be responsible for their own actions.
- January or February we will have our own Forum before a night PTA meeting to discuss the use of drugs and alcohol and how to prevent it starting at an elementary level.

Transportation:

Tour of the Bus Depot. No official meeting. Next meeting is Thursday November 12<sup>th</sup> at Central Office at 10:00am. Bus Driver Appreciation Day on Nov. 17th

Wellness: no report

Special Events: no report

**Upcoming Events:**

*November:*

- ✓ Photo Re-Take Day – Tues. 11/10
- ✓ School Closed for Veteran’s Day – Wed. 11/11
- ✓ NYS 5<sup>th</sup> Grade S.S. Exam – 11/16 & 11/17
- ✓ Gift Wrap Pickup – 11/18, 11/19 & 11/20
- ✓ Evening Conferences – 11/17 & 11/19
- ✓ No Elementary School Friday 11/20 – Daytime Conferences
- ✓ School Closed for Thanksgiving – Thursday & Friday 11/26 & 11/27

*December:*

- ✓ Shop & Dine – Thursday 12/3 6:30 – 9:00 pm
- ✓ Book Bonanza @ Barnes & Noble – Tuesday 12/8, 4:00 – 8:00 pm
- ✓ Holiday Boutique – 12/8, 12/9 & 12/10
- ✓ Winter Concert ( Chorus ) – Wednesday 12/16 @ 7:30 pm
- ✓ Holiday Sing Along – 12/23
- ✓ School closed for Winter Recess – 12/24 – 1/1 Re-opens on Mon. Jan 4, 2010

**Date Changes from District Calendar**

- Movie Day: Now Monday, Jan.18<sup>th</sup> @ Elwood Movie Theater
- Garden Boutique: Now Friday, April 30, Monday May 3, & Tuesday May 4
- Teacher Recognition Breakfast: Now Friday May 14
- Math Fair: Now March 2, 3 & 4

**Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, December 2, 2009 at 9:30 am in the Signal Hill Cafeteria**