

## Woodland District 50 PTA meeting minutes from Thursday September 17, 2009

- Meeting began at 7:03pm.
- The meeting was opened by PTA President, Polly Hergenreder and all attendees were asked for a brief introduction of themselves.
- Recording Secretary (Lisa Strauss) – stated since I was new I had nothing to discuss, other than for an individual to state their name when talking.
- Treasurer (Amy Martin) – Current balance \$77,746.70. She discussed Proof of Residency and that Spirit Wear funds are down by \$1,000.00. The thought was that funds would be up as this was the first year for credit card sales through RevTrak. Book Sox are up by \$229.00. The book fair at Elementary East was up as opposed to Elementary West and intermediate which were both down.
- Primary Vice President (Annie Schladt) – Absent, no report.
- Elementary East Vice President (Michelle Klemz) – A thank you from Ann Aldrich was read.
- Elementary West Vice President (Rhonda Nitto) – Absent, no report.
- Intermediate Vice President (Lisa Gjelsten) – Late, no report.
- Middle School Vice President (Pat Debreu) – Thank you notes were discussed from the Staff breakfast.
- President (Polly Hergenreder) – 28 parents attended the AM PTA meeting on Wednesday, September 16, 2009 at 9:30am at the ESC. There were many new faces interested in volunteering. Money is down so we really the staff and teachers to look for opportunities to place PTA info in weekly newsletters and promote in weekly announcements. Primary teacher (Annette McCafferty) added that teachers updating their website with the PTA info would be a good idea also. EW teacher (MaryBeth Brierton) added that she talked about the PTA at curriculum night and showed the parents how they could “double dip”. For example, purchasing at the book fair for a gift. This way they can support the pta and still get something back.
- Elementary East Principal (Dr. Ken Hyllberg) – excited about the new school year and looking forward to working with the PTA.
- Elementary West Principal (David Brown) – great start for the new school year and also looking forward to the PTA events.
- Middle School Principal (Scott Snyder) – thanks for the staff breakfast and also the sharing of the popcorn and cotton candy machines for the staff kick off. Has already had a meeting with the bookfair chair (Becky Saul) and looking forward to it.
- Primary Principal (Lori Casey) – thanks for the staff breakfast. Thanks to the PTA (Polly Hergenreder and Amy Martin) for speaking about the PTA at Kindergarten Kick-Off. Also thanks for the \$500.00 which the PTA has given to the music department.
- Intermediate Assistant Principal (Tim Tyrell) – likes having PTA sign up in the building seems to make things easier. Thanks for the staff breakfast. They have 2 assemblies scheduled in the very near future, thanks to the PTA. The 4<sup>th</sup> graders will have the 6+1 writing workshop and the 5<sup>th</sup> graders will have the Orchestra. Likes seeing the different effort of getting parents involved.
- Barnes and Noble fundraiser (Polly Hergenreder for Jennifer Bond) – scheduled for November 13, 2009. Barnes and Noble will donate 10% of the total if we reach our goal and have at least \$20,000 in sales. We were able to make this goal last year. We are looking for principals to read, Dr. Swoboda has already committed to helping again this year. There will be activities earlier in the day as well as after 4pm.
- Campbell's (Polly Hergenreder) – catalogs should be out in the next few weeks to look through for order placement.
- Capri Sun/Kool Aid pouches (Polly Hergenreder) – this program started late last year we are working on getting a building rep to collect pouches from parties in Jewel bags, as we get 2 cents a pouch back to the PTA. A PTA parent is working on figuring out a way to work with the lunch ladies to save the pouches during lunch periods.
- Cookbook fundraiser (Julie Fredrickson) – asking staff and parents to submit recipes for a school cook book. We have 126 recipes already in the system. We are asking principals

- to talk this up in school. Primary teacher (Annette McCafferty) talked about bi-lingual parents and that since they do not have access to a computer she would offer to type those for her students. Polly shakes and trembles at this fundraiser as the costs are paid outright before profits are seen. Questions came up such as, Can people pre-order cookbooks? A suggestion was made that since we have control of the price of the cookbooks, that maybe we offer a better price for those who pre-order. We can make a profit of between \$3.00 and \$7.00 a cookbook.
- EScrip (Cheri Blennis) – 4 % rebate back from Dominick's. This is free money just for shopping at Dominick's, by just logging your Dominick's card. You do not need to re-enroll if you have already done so. Also if anyone has the back to school receipts from Dominick's you can turn those in with any labels. We are up to 600 plus dollars from this program.
  - Food Fundraisers (Lisa Strauss) – Jersey Mike's set for Sep20 (11-8) and Sep21-24 (2-9) we receive a 15% kick back as long as we have a certificate or mention that we are here for the Woodland fundraiser. Park Place Car Wash, this is a new fundraiser. We will get 50% off any car wash on the menu and 20% off of any car detail that is done during October 4-10, by just mentioning Woodland. The Nestle pure life water program has ended and we are getting a letter together with signatures to send out with the 20, 850 labels that we have collected to see if Nestle will honor and send some good will to the children.
  - Market Day (Polly Hergenreder for Celeste Brown) – will be doing the pie fundraiser again this year.
  - PTA membership (Polly Hergenreder) – membership is down from parents and up from staff
  - Polly Hergenreder stated that Primary and Middle School book fairs are up and coming and Spirit Wear will be selling for the holidays.
  - Staff Appreciation Breakfast (Diana Nielander) – talked about wanting to add fruit to the menu and that staff seemed to just want high calorie sweet items. There has also been discussion in the past of multiple days/each school a different day?? After some talk it was decided that the same day seems to work out and the menu is fine as is. The staff seems to like the grab and go idea, to work around their own schedule.
  - Teacher representative (Kerry Winston, EE) – Thanks for helping with the Elementary East playground.
  - Parent suggestions – Diana Nielander discussed the opportunity of Facebook as a tool for getting parents involved. This has been discussed in the past and did not seem to go over well.
  - PE teacher from Elementary East (Mrs. Barbieri) – makes a request to the PTA for funding towards a 9 year old sound system. PTA President (Polly Hergenreder) asks for a motion to pass the request. Michelle Klemz gives the first motion. Pat Debreu seconds the motion. The motion was made and carried for \$493.44 for the sound system at Elementary East. A concerned parent does question when the system will need to be upgraded again? Assistant Principal (Kristi Blasius) states that it should not need an upgrade in the future.
  - Polly Hergenreder states the next meeting is set for Wednesday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009, in the multipurpose room at the Intermediate building and that the nurses from each of the schools will discuss the H1N1 virus.
  - Cheri Blennis asks about name tags for future meetings so that when you are an attendee you can have a sticker with you name on it.
  - Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.