



PTO Meeting - Minutes

Board Member Attendance – Michelle Groetken(MG), Alyssa Capritta(AC), Cari Ukowich(CU), Tammi Dixon(TD), and Sara Frisk(SF)

Meeting called to order at 7:06pm

1. Invited everyone to enjoy a piece of pizza and some lemonade
2. Introduction of PTO Board
3. SF moves we approve agenda. CU seconds. Bank Signature Card
4. Pennock Presents . . . “Val Ortega”
 - a. Val talked a little about her background; she was a teacher at Pennock before becoming the vice-principal!
5. Dot Lindsey “Save Our Libraries”
 - a. From Rangeview Library (covers 8 libraries in the area)
 - b. Educated us on the Mill Levy which is on the ballot this year
 - c. Ballot #5A (last item on the ballot)
 - d. If the Mill Levy does not pass – one of the libraries in the district will close.
 - e. Want to help? Please contact Dot Lindsey at Djlindseygol4@aol.com
6. Presentation by Joan Kniss – Bond Election
 - a. Bond builds schools. This year they are asking for a bond to be passed to build the school. No Mill Levy this year
 - b. Bond, if passed, will give our district 2 elementary schools (1 in 2007, 1 in 2008), and 2 middle schools (1 in 2007, 1 in 2008)
 - c. Prairie View High School had projected 1,100 kids – actual students are at 1,400, they already need 6 modulars. Right now they are on a split schedule or extended schedule.
 - d. Brighton School District 27J growth is growing at 1,200 students/year
 - i. Our district is 27J is huge – 273 miles!!!
 - e. The bond is for \$89/million to build schools, make repairs, and improve HVAC.
 - f. For Pennock it would mean improving our landscaping, artificial turf, updated playground etc.
 - g. If you want to help?
 - i. Yard sign pick up will be at the Rec Center on September 30 at 9am
 - ii. Meet for the walk at the Rec Center on September 23 at 9am
 - iii. Contact – Joan Kniss at jkniss@brightonps27j.k12.co.us
7. Website
 - a. SF offered to anyone interested in purchasing a Banner Ad Space on the Pennock PTO website for \$75/year
 - b. Kristen Miller expressed interest
 - c. This would be a great way to increase awareness of the PTO, as well as provide a source of income for the PTO
 - d. As of this meeting, the website has had over 2,000 hits.
8. Treasurer’s Report (MG)
 - a. MG reported on the treasurer’s report and gave numbers (please see attached) from last year
 - b. TD talked about the plans for the year – and will pretty much follow along the same lines as last year.
 - i. We will be having no sports boosters this year
 - ii. Anticipate getting more income from fundraiser.

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9. Other comments:
 - a. A question regarding the Halloween Dance – this is for 6th Grade Only
 - b. Halloween Parties
 - c. Classroom Parents are responsible. Teachers will cordoning the Halloween Parade around the school
10. Committee Sharing Time:
 - a. Cookie Dough (MG)
 - i. Individual cookie pre-portioned – can be ordered if requested
 - ii. Checks should be made out to Pennock PTO
 - iii. We need Help!!!
 1. 9/22/06 – Counting
 2. 10/18 – Delivery
 3. Contact Michelle at mgroetken@msn.com
 - b. Box Tops / Soup Labels – Judy Westphal is heading up this committee – is currently working on a program.
 - c. Trick or Treat Street or “TOTS” (SF)
 - i. Will be held on Saturday, October 28 from 5pm-7pm
 - ii. Entrance is free however we are asking each family to donate (1) bag of candy, and (1) new and/or gently used stuffed animal that we will donate to the new children’s wing at the PVMC.
 - iii. Pictures will be taken by Jeff Weber who has graciously offered his time and talents. He will offer the following:
 1. \$5/picture (and will be emailed to you), or
 2. Buy 2 or more pictures and we will provide a CD with the pictures on it.
 3. All proceeds will be donated to the school library.
 - iv. We are asking all parents to help man the games, concessions, etc., to make sure that we let this event be for just the kids!
 - v. There will be a Door Decorating Contest which will be judged on Friday, October 27 by the PTO Board – winner will be announced during TOTS
 1. Door Decorating will start a couple of days prior to TOTS
 2. No Hallway decorating in the school this year
 - vi. There will be a Candy Collecting Contest between the classrooms to see which classroom can collect the most candy. Winner will be announced during TOTS
 - d. Santa Workshop – nothing to report at this time
 - e. Spring Carnival – nothing to report at this time
 - f. School Enhancement Committee – nothing to report at this time
 - g. Grants Committee – nothing to report at this time
 - h. Hospitality Committee – Shandra needs help – Michelle Espinosa has offered to help. MG will get Shandra her number/email.
 - i. Family Fun Nights – Kristen Miller
 - i. Has lots of great ideas
 - ii. Family Skate Night is in progress (Wagon Wheel)
 - iii. Other ideas: Game Night, Karaoke Night, Give back to Community Night, Spaghetti Night, Mystery Dinner Theatre Night
 - iv. Friday Night is set for Family Fun Night
11. Closing – MG expressed her thanks for all coming, and challenged everyone to bring a friend next meeting
12. Drawing Winners – Judy Westphal, Barb Henvel . . . Congratulations!
13. Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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