

## Parkside PTA May Meeting and Installation of Officers

Tuesday, May 19, 2009

Bertram Inn & Conference Center

Meeting was called to order at 9:30

- **Welcome:** Thank you for all coming Please pick up an agenda.

### **Pledge of Allegiance**

### **Treasurer's Report**

Lisa reported that she needs all receipts turned in by the end of school.

Beginning balance - \$11,024.98

Total Receipts - \$7,661.70

Total Disbursements - \$5,460.70

Ending Balance – \$13,225.98

Donuts With Dad went over budget by 10%. Kathy Beder made a motion to approve the expenses and it was seconded by Cheryl Kresevic.

- Thank you, the report will be filed for audit

### **Corresponding Secretary Report**

The book was passed around for everyone to record their hours. Cards and thank yous were also circulated. Lisa showed a COSI thank you poster made by the students of Mrs. Baskin's class.

### **Vice President's Report**

Beth presented President Lisa Siegler with a beautiful planter and Pandora bead from her PTA board at Parkside.

### **President's Report**

- Committee openings...I have found someone for Spirit wear, Membership, and COSI but if you are interested on working on any committee there is always openings. Just because there are 4 people on a committee doesn't mean there can only be 4. Everyone is always looking for more help and new ideas!!
- Thank you for the committee reports that I've received and keep them coming!
- I am passing around a sign up sheet for collating the 1<sup>st</sup> day packet. If we have enough people it takes about 1 ½ hours. .
- We will have the 4th grade clap-out the last day of school. Letters will be sent home to the 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents.
- The Fourth Grade Picture is hanging in the cafeteria. PTA pays for the framing of that every year.
- The Budget Bin committee awarded 38 \$1000 scholarships to SHS seniors. They will be presented at the senior award dinner later this month. This is huge since last year they only had \$28,000 to give away last year!!!
- Just something to keep in mind for next year Lewis Elementary had a read-a-thon this spring and raised \$8500. The children got sponsors and read a certain amount of time and collected the money. They said it was a huge success!

## THANK YOU:

- A big thank you to Andrea and Beth for organizing this lovely brunch today. It is nice to have a change of venue! Also thanks for all that you have done throughout the year. You both made sure we had a delicious spread of food each month. You also came early and stayed late to each meeting to set it up and clean it up.
- A huge thank you to the Staff Appreciation committee of Alissa Schneider, Susan Castiglione, Lisa Heckman, Beth Kalinowski, and Kim Krantz. The round the world theme from the staff appreciation week was a great one. All the teachers and staff were commenting on your great ideas and of course the great food.
- Thank you to all the volunteers who helped serve ice cream to the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> graders following their achievement test. It was a lot of fun and made us all want to bring back salad bar!
- Thank you to Beth for working with all the Vice Pres from the other schools in the planning of Spring Fling. It was a lovely event!
- Thanks to Neela for continuously working on the school gift! She is always coming up with ideas and connecting with the teachers. She is already looking ahead to next year!!
- Thanks to all the committee chairs this year!! You have all done so much with the planning and organizing of your events!!
- Also thanks to Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Petrie for the Volunteer brunch. It was lovely and so much fun to see all the students perform!!
- TO MY BOARD..
  - ❖ BETH...Thanks for everything you have done this year. You have always been there for me to bounce ideas off of or to get a different perspective on things. Also you had such a difficult day with COSI yet you handled it with such charm!!
  - ❖ Alissa...It has been so fun working with you this year outside of our weekly carpool to Sunday school. I know you have always been on top of the cards to go out.
  - ❖ Suzi...thanks for everything you have done this year. I know whenever there is something to be done Suzi is right on it or she is sending an email to find a group of people who can help!!! You do so much for Parkside and it is much appreciated!!
  - ❖ Kathy...What can I say...I truly appreciate everything you have done for the PTA and me. You continually stuck with it while going through the most difficult time of your life. I am glad that we have become friends over the past few years!
  - ❖ Lisa H. ...I really appreciate you stepping in and helping out Kathy and myself! You are right on top of things being so organized!
  - ❖ Cheryl...Wow what a huge help you have been to me. I remember someone saying last year that I would have you on speed dial and they were right. I knew I could always call you to talk about a PTA issue and you would help with great advice. Thanks for everything!!
  - ❖ To all my delegates...Jodi, Andrea, Karin, and Cheryl. Thanks for always joining me at the PYA council meetings and reporting so nicely back at our meetings. It has been a pleasure working with all of you.
  - ❖ Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Petrie: thank you both for being such an important part of the PTA. You make it to our PTA meetings, answer our questions and keep us all informed of what is going on at Parkside.

## Principal's Report

Mrs. Keeney said that she truly appreciates all PTA does all year long. Thank you for the hydrangea for her father's wake. Her daughter took it home to plant as a reminder of him.

Board Meeting with Lee Fisher was very informative on state involvement in education, lengthening the school year and funding which is very complicated. We are 95% funded by local money and only 5% by state funds. Tim Pikuna gave a good presentation.

Per today, the teachers for Parkside 2009 – 2010 are as follows:

Kindergarten – Baskin, Kessler and Siegler  
First Grade – Glander, Mannarino, Roncaglione and Stec  
Second Grade – Frey, Horst, Howell and Zaludek  
Third Grade – Bortnik, Burger, Hodermarsky and Matthews  
Fourth Grade – Chonko, Foley, McConnell and Sosinski

Enrollment is down in the district.

End of the year parties will be from 11:00 am until 1:00 pm.

### **Guidance Report**

Thanked everyone who helped with the Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast.

Fourth grade students will have their Orchard Orientation on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Petrie presented Lisa Siegler and Beth Kalinowski with gifts of thanks.

**President Lisa Siegler** presented Mrs. Keeney and Mrs. Petrie with gifts from PTA. Lisa and Beth presented gifts to committee chairs and the Parkside PTA board.

Beth and Lisa presented gifts to out-going fourth grade parents.

### **Council Delegate Report** - Andrea Rossen

Solon Middle School Science Olympiad won states. HS won 3<sup>rd</sup> place in competition.

Solon Boys' soccer will be at Erie Family First Sports Park August 16 – 20<sup>th</sup>.

Tuition reimbursement and bus driver retirement were also discussed.

Emergency discount is waiting for final approval from PUCO. New discount is 8.693% through May 31, 2011. It is less than before but better than no discount. We have been without a discount since December 31, 2008.

Mr. Regano said the school district will use automated substitute calling. The Web-based program's benefits include "cost savings, efficiency," and an orderly way of placing substitute teachers where needed, he said. "There is a cost savings after the first year. The first year, with set-up costs, will be approximately a break-even year. Each year following will cost us less than what we currently pay for the sub callers," he said.

Academic Signing day was May 1<sup>st</sup>.

State of Schools Improvement Diagnostic Review is May 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup>. People will be in our schools looking for ideas to help other schools.

### **Committee Reports**

**Book Fair** – Half Price Book Fair was way down even though this is just an extra offering. Teachers were given Buy one, get one certificates.

Campbell's Labels for Education – We made over \$1600 this year. Please continue to save all your labels, Boxtops, etc for next year's collection. You can order collection boxes on the Box Tops website. Also, check your Giant Eagle receipts for bonus rewards.

Classroom Coordinators – Pizza and cookies will be provided for the end of the year parties.

Donuts with Dad – Will be on a different day of the week next school year.

Fall Fest – We will look for sponsors for next year to help off-set costs.

Fine Arts – Linda Hess has been such a dedicated volunteer. Mrs. Geisweidt is very appreciative.

Health & Welfare – May not need this committee with no calendar next year. It could be rolled in with PE Liaison.

Hospitality – Thank you to Judy Polley and Innisbrook for donating planners and prizes to breakfast.

Ice Cream Social – Thank you to The Saltzman Family, Dave's Supermarkets, Pierre's Ice Cream and Mitchell's Ice Cream for donating ice cream, whipped cream and sprinkles for this event.

Newsletter – Deadline for submitting items to Marci is Monday.

Sportswear – Rachel Cole and a friend will be assisting Jodi Katz. The supplier is a Solon company.

PE Liaison – Games Day t shirt orders are in. Next Tuesday classrooms will be signing up for events. We will need a lot of volunteers and water. Thanks to Kathy Soldes, Mary Neides, Nicole Lieber and Gretchen Gross for their help with Jumprope for Heart.

School Gift – Neela Eisner working on this.

School Supplies – Deadline was extended. See Lisa Heckman with questions.

Staff Appreciation – Thanks to everyone who helped make Staff Appreciation Week a success.

### **Old Business:**

PTA Treasurers Audit...The people that signed up for the audit committee were Beth Kalinowski, John Heckman, Lori Abraham, and Michelle Lyon. If you could please set a date on your calendar and let me know when you will be meeting I would appreciate it.

### **New Business:**

Neela Eisner asked if anyone is interested in helping her explore the possibility of bringing back Salad Bar to Parkside lunch.

Kathy Soldes will be looking into making recycling a part of Solon Schools. If anyone is interested, please contact Kathy.

A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help assemble the First Day packets on August 20<sup>th</sup>.

Cheryl Kresevic swore in the newly elected board and delegates.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 am