

Weddington Middle School
PTSO Board Meeting
September 19, 2011 4pm

Attendees: Executive board, committee chairpersons, teacher representatives, Mr. Wray and Mr. Zorn

President - Sue Fitch opened the meeting and welcomed everyone. She explained that the monthly meetings are “working” meetings and include staff and committee updates, open discussions and often motions/decisions. Several topics discussed.

*The membership drive is currently at \$17K (the annual goal is \$20K). It is obvious that parents support the school and the BFF. There will be a Pizza/Ice Cream Sundae party for the homeroom with the largest participation (as of Oct. 31).

*Personal goal – Sue would like the committee chair(s) to document all necessary information and place in a folder/binder. This should include any supply lists, budgets, to-do’s, etc. This will enable an easier transition to the next chairperson and they won’t have to start from scratch.

*Personal goal – Sue would like the committee chair(s) to evaluate their allocated funds. Determine whether the amount is appropriate/need more/need less.

*All chairs have their own budget and run autonomously.

*In order to keep Sue informed on committee activity, please always “copy” her on committee information e-mails.

*The Monster, parent business and staff business directories will get updated and will be separate tabs. Currently we use addressmonster for the parent directory (we don’t have a name for the business side yet).

*The annual PTSO budget and the SITE mtg. tasks were approved by parent vote.

Treasurer’s Update – Teresa said that spiritwear, the membership drive and the school store are bringing in lots of money right now. She will have the P&L on a monthly basis by committee. It is an approximate 4 day turnaround for check requisitions.

Principal’s Update – Mr. Wray reported that the school year has started off very well. We have 1,080 students (40 more than last year). 1 to 1 Laptop nights are coming up. 7th graders that are new to the school/county will get their Netbooks soon as well. We’ve got several babies coming soon – Mrs. Mead, Mr. Rhodes and Mrs. Chirico. He shared that Dr. Davis is asking PTSOs around the county to help with seed money for a Boys/Girls Club at Monroe Middle school.

Staff Updates – Mrs. Leonard (6th) – The teachers are interested in the Snakes Alive program & it is in the budget. They would like to have a 9/11-Veterans Day remembrance. A contact was given to her for a local VFW group. The ball cart needs wheels – Teresa and Mr. Wray are working on a more permanent storage solution.

Ms. Spinks (7th) – Thank you for all that was done in the workrooms. Everyone is enjoying them.

Ms. Fitts (Related Arts/PE) – Thank you for all that was done last year.

Mr. Sullivan (8th) – Thank you for the faculty meeting snacks/food and the smartboards. The 8th grade field trip to the Outer Banks is March 22-24 and will cost \$300. The Beta Club will induct approx. 165 kids in October. They have asked if PTSO could help get the food, help set up and then serve.

Committee Updates

Spiritwear – Petra Whitcavage says sales are going very well. She has plenty of stock in the cabinets. Please forward any questions directly to her. The goal for the year was \$10.5K and right now she is at \$14.5K!

Fundraising – Lisa Owens will be helping Sharon Sanders.

Staff Appreciation – Joanne Miller and Charmain Hamer have worked very well together. They will serve lunch/food during staff meetings once per month. Special treats are in the works as well. Also, they reported that they have a great group of people to help them.

School Store – Heather Marlowe is opening the store 2x/week during lunch (running 2 shifts of 1 ½ hours). She is stocking fun items for the kids to buy along with the normal paper, pencils and erasers. It seems that the kids like to come in and shop for cool things for their lockers, their friends, and themselves.

Hospitality – Julie Ohmstede sends out cards and prepares special gifts (as needed). She asked that the gift card amounts be \$25 (instead of \$20) – it will be easier to pick them up at local drug/grocery stores when needed. Sue mentioned that she was well under budget last school year. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to increase the gift card amount from \$20 to \$25.

6th Grade Dance – Kelly Simpkins will be planning/organizing this dance and definitely needs a lot of help. Terry Snipes has last year's information for her.

Vice President, Jerilyn Davidson – She brings an art/publicity/marketing perspective to the board. She created the PTSO informational flyer that was distributed during Curriculum Night. She will be working on the front bulletin board and hopes it will look like a Facebook page. It will have school updates, honor rolls, etc.

Website – Tabatha Deal has updated the website and wants to keep all information PTSO-related. If you have something to add, send her an e-mail with the information (can be in a word document as well).

Lost & Found, Box Tops, SITE – Torrie Newman was approved as a SITE member. The Lost & Found is looked at on a weekly basis. Ultimately, unclaimed items go to Goodwill or the clothing yard sale.

Room moms, Treasurer – Teresa Tutor – all going well so far.

Recycling, Do Dads, Building & Grounds – Sanna Tucker – The Fall Flower Sale is currently underway. Forms can be found online – the sale ends Friday, Sept. 23. She needs to work with someone on finding the appropriate space for the tree that was donated by the 8th grade team last year. Right now she has recruited 12 dads to help as needed. For Recycling, she needs more bins for several classrooms.

Book Fair and Copies – Shawn Jones reported that the book fair will be held the second week of November. For copies, she will send an e-mail soliciting help in the afternoon (maybe during 7th period). Another thought was to have copy times on M/W from 2-3:30pm and then Shawn could copy the remainder.

Family Sponsorships and School tours – Kim Dracon organizes tours for new/prospective families. She definitely needs more committee members. Also, she wants to arrange an orientation tour with a staff member to ensure everyone has the correct/same information. She also helps with family sponsorships and reported that the numbers are way ahead of last year at this time. Also, direct any sponsorship questions to her.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to contribute \$500 as seed money for the Boys/Girls Club at Monroe Middle school.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to adjust the PTSO membership dues in the by-laws from \$5 to \$10.

Meeting was adjourned.

Announcements:

The next PTSO board meeting is Mon., October 17 at 4pm.

The meeting adjourned at 5:04 pm.

Submitted by Suzy Helms

These minutes were approved at the PTSO meeting on Monday, October 17.