

PTSO Minutes from February 1, 2011

Attending: Don Kitchin, Amber Morris, Joelle VanWinkle, Tim Brown, Janet Ingersoll, Theresa Miller, Keith Lewandowski, Maureen Willoughby, Jim Moiles and Dr. Harris.

1. Introductions
2. Review of January minutes will be in March.
3. Financial report: Husky Den is doing fantastic. We had expenses for checks and a stamp. Balance is 7,705.06. Finance committee is coming up with yearly plan on how to spend and raise money for the PTSO. Dr. Harris would like a blanket amount of money at the beginning of the school year to pay for teacher requests and such things that benefit students.
4. Email Announcements: Up and running, thanks to Julie Brown. For the faculty to receive the email they need to register. Postcards were sent to all NMS families and incoming students.
5. Upcoming events: 5th Grade Parent orientation is Thursday Feb.3 at 6:00. This will be held in the small theatre and the PTSO will have a portion. Flowers on the front table to welcome incoming families. We are going to get a banner that would be used for such events. Joelle will contact Heidi about getting a price. Husky Den will be open that night. February 21 and 23 are conference nights. 5:00 to 8:30. The scholastic book fair will be held on those nights. The Husky Den will be open for both nights. PEF NOW is still needing a representative for North Middle school. If you are interested please contact Dr. Harris. February 8th and 11th are grade scheduling for 8th grade students. Anti-bullying assemblies are going to be addressed in further detail for the school year 2011-12. 50th birthday will be May 3rd. Details to follow. May Millage Vote is approaching. If you are interested in helping contact NMS.
6. School Admin: Jim Moiles needs volunteers for the Valentine dance Next Friday, Feb. 11. Theme ideas for the 8th grade end of the year party will go out soon. Michigan Adventure is June 6th. The cost is 55.00. Effort Breakfast is May 5th at 6:15. The honors programs are June 2nd. 6th grade is from 8:00 to 9:00. 7th grade is 9:30 to 10:30 and the 8th grade is in the evening from 7:00 to 8:00. All are held in the theatre at the high school. The talent show is March 18. Jeopardy is coming. The Portage Library will set the date. 8th Grade spelling bee is March 15. Dr. Harris gave an overview of the parent survey which will be printed in full on the website soon. Kim Kirshman reported that the Husky mid winter Blitz was a very positive day with all grades partaking in activities about positive behavior and what is expected of them.
7. Feedback on recent events: Don Kitchin reported that 6 grade ski day was a huge success. No injuries and lots of smiles. Tim Brown reported that the CIC is working on the science arm for the high school. It is a work in progress.
8. Next Meeting is March 1, 2011

