

PTSO Minutes December 7,2010

Attending: Maureen Willoughby, Mo Moore, Jennifer Gilmore, Amber Morris, Jessie Bierlein, Kim Kirshman, Celeste Shelton-Harris, Don Kitchin, Keith Lewandowski, Janet Ingersoll, Jim Moiles, Jane Hoinville, Tim Brown, Julie Brown, Stephanie Taylor, Heidi Traver

1. Introduction
2. Approval of Minutes from November
3. Financial Report. Keith reported we started with 7,722.44. We had 26.19 in income and 10.00 in expenses. Our closing balance 7,738.63. Approved 134.95 expense for printing the directories. Moved by Maureen Willoughby and seconded by Mo Moore. All approved. Approved 250.00 for canine visit in November. Stephanie moved and Mo seconded, all approved.
4. Husky Den is open from 10:30 to 1:00 on Fridays. They are trying a few things to make themselves more visible. They are going to be open for more events.
5. Upcoming events. The holiday party is ready and Stephanie Taylor has at least 16 Volunteers. Joell VanWinkle is working on the anti-bullying Assemblies. Dr. Harris is looking for someone to coordinate the events around North Middle schools 50<sup>th</sup> birthday. If anyone is interested please contact Dr.Harris.
6. School Admin. Working on anti-bullying. Marsha McAvoy is an expert with the legal aspects of it. Parent surveys are in the works. At the next meeting we will planning the scheduling process and the orientations for incoming 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Kim Kirshman complimented the Barnes and Noble fundraiser. She reported that there was a choir concert tonight and an orchestra concert next Tuesday and Thursday. The Seventh graders are pretty loud at lunch and have had assigned seating. They are working on ideas to help with the noise and the reduction of the noise so the kids can have free seating. Jessie Bierlein is back. She is organizing small groups as needed to discuss things such as anger management, grief counseling and social norms improvement . Jessie will also start working on the scheduling of the 8<sup>th</sup> graders after the break, Jim Moiles talked about the field trip for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders to the museum to see the race exhibit. He is in need of chaperones. If you would like to go with the 8<sup>th</sup> graders next Tuesday from 8:30 until 12:00 please contact Mr. Moiles.
7. Don Kitchin presented the 6<sup>th</sup> grade ski trip to Bittersweet. The field trip is January 27 from 9:15 until 2:30. Cost per student is 25.00. He asked that for students that could not afford the entire amount that the PTSO provide scholarships. This is Mr. Kitchins favorite day and we agreed to work with him on any money that may be needed. North Middle School is the only middle school that still offers this fun day.
8. Jane Hoinville did a presentation on the need for media specialists. The district cut the amount of specialists in half last year and Jane and others are trying to

- get the staffing back up. She is meeting with Marsha Wells this afternoon and she will report back to us next month on the results of that meeting.
9. We have announcements. Julie and Tim Brown have cleaned up our website. There is a banner that runs at the beginning of the home page for anyone to sign up for the announcements and newsletters. Please sign up and stay informed. Husky den is still not on the web site and Julie will check into that.
  10. Recent Events. The Barnes and Noble book fair was very successful and fun. We had sales in excess of 3700.00, we get 20% of that. North middle will buy gift cards to be used for the purchase of new books. Janet Ingersoll Talked about fundraising for the middle school and it was decided to have an entire meeting just on that subject. Keith will let us know when that is. Tim Brown reported on the CIC. Mostly High School issues right now on consolidating classes. Stephanie Taylor reported that Mr. Blackman did a report at the last DAC meeting about NMS. He talked about our antibullying positions and work and he told about our improved website among other things. Keith attended two workshops, one on bullying and one on how to get Dads more involved in the school.
  11. Other items : Dr Harris needs a parent who can represent NMS for the upcoming Mileage vote. IT is a KRESA mileage and she needs someone who can organize volunteers and compile information as needed. Contact Dr. Harris if you are interested.
  12. Next Meeting is January 4, 2011 8:30 in the Media Center.