

PTSO Minutes for May 10, 2011

Attending: Keith Lewandowski, Dr. Harris, Julie Brown, Theresa Miller, Janet Ingersoll, Heidi Traver, Jennifer Gilmore, Joell VanWinkle.

1. Introductions

2. Students from the Service Learning class displayed the blankets they created for foster care children, paid for with a grant from the PTSO. They explained how they made the blankets and how they will be distributed.

3. Huskie Den leaders requested \$1413 for new purchases, with a potential \$2052 gross (just over \$500 profit). Board voted to approve the expenditure but out of the 2011-12 budget. Also a discussion about how to staff for next year (Heidi Traver and Joell VanWinkle have handled the sales this year); that baseball caps and window decals have been requested and will be investigated for next year. Joell would like to give away some more shirts at the open house so that parents see the items and buy (this was in response to shirts being given away at the 5th grade orientation, but parents were not there to see/know about merchandise).

4. Theresa Miller presented financial report. More than \$7,000 going into 2011-12.

5. Need volunteers for 6th/7th grade party.

6. Yearbook delivery: Adults needed to write in each student's name in large handwriting to deter theft/loss, Theresa Miller agreed to coordinate.

7. Janet Ingersoll is spearheading the 8th grade farewell party and explained to board what has been planned. Board confirmed the \$700 budget for the event. Time has been changed to 6:30-9 at Dr. Harris' suggestion. Also confirmed that the \$5/student will come through the PTSO through pre-sales, and that Dr. Harris will submit receipts for the DJ and pizza to PTSO for reimbursement. Janet would like a place to store items from this year's party at the school on a permanent basis to avoid re-purchase each year; Dr. Harris would investigate a possible spot.

8. Feedback on recent events: Dr. Harris reported that the faculty thought the Barnes & Noble Bookfair was one of the highlight events of the year, and all around praise to Janet Ingersoll and her team for all their work. More than \$400 was donated to the 50th anniversary event for books, and praise for Anne-Marie Fleming for her leadership on the event. Some disappointment that more students and parents did not attend.

9. 6th Grade Track and Field – volunteers needed from 8 to noon.

10. Honors Program on June 2, last day of school, and students will be encouraged to dress up. 8:30-9:30 for 6th grade; 10-11 am for 7th grade; 1:15-2:15 for 8th grade.

Participation is based on 3.0 GPA over the first 3 marking periods, as well as perfect attendance, citizenship, ATYP (Academically Talented Youth Program) students, and KAMSC students. Students' names will be posted outside of the guidance office, and they may check to see if their names are posted. Special thanks to Maureen Willoughby who will be providing flowers and has arranged for music at the 8th grade event.

11. Congrats to the Jeopardy winners, all Portage North Middle students.