

WMS PTSO Minutes-January 7, 2009

Nikki Perk...President

Lenore Bishop...Treasurer

Dawn Powell-Fitch...Secretary

Attending: Patty Mais, Anne Creek, Dawn Hart, Patty Schuring, Sue Bourget, Janet Bliden, Judy Praeger, Terri McDonald, Colleen Semler, Robyn Krill, Julie Bourese, Tricia Lutz, Jull Bartz, Jeanie Lewis, Sara Main, Margo Staunton, Erin Michael, Nancy, Siko, Julie Cartier, Tammy Karmon, Deanna Roth, Beth Conway, Nancy Druskovich, T Euglmaier, Lenore Bishop, Dawn Fitch, Nikki Perk, John F, Patty Werme, Shari Curtiss, Tina Greer

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Nikki Perk at 11:30am

Agenda with Presentation: Vice Principal Denny Roehm introduced Officer Scott and guest speaker, Matt Wolfe both with the Portage Public Police.

A presentation, Project 7th Grade, was then presented.

The Kalamazoo County Substance Task Force's mission was discussed, and the following points and statistics were shared:

- *Warning signs of abuse of drugs and alcohol that parents can watch for, like mood swings, red eyes, ect.

- *The average age of first time use is typically 13...

- *Drug use triples between 6th and 8th grades...

- *80% of high schoolers and 44% of middle schoolers seek drugs in some form

- *Central High and Northern High Schools drug use data and statistics were shared

- *Also discussed in great length were the topics of the most sought after and easy to get drugs for our teens, about how middle schools is where peer pressure is the strongest, and that Kalamazoo County's rate of alcohol related injuries is an astounding 85% higher than the state average, just to touch on a few.

Key points were to always have parental involvement, which may reduce substance abuse by 50%.

Home drug testing kits were passed out for those who signed up to take a survey.

Mr. Roehm also advised everyone present that there could be a question and answers session at the end of the meeting, gave his email address in case any questions came up later and at a later date he will post a list of 'slang' words kids use for drugs.

Janet Bliden approved the minutes and the motion was seconded by Julie Cartier.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Lenore Bishop, \$4832.94 ending balance.

Please see attached report if details are needed.

President's Report: Nikki reviewed three teacher's proposals and they were voted on.

Number 1 being the Welcome/You Are Here map and sign, which will cost approx. \$400.00. This proposal was passed first by being motioned by Julie Cartier and the motion to pass was seconded by Robin Krill.

Number 2 being the 20-25 interior signages for halls and room numbers, which will cost approx. \$1000.00. This proposal was passed first by being motioned by Janet Bliden and the motion was seconded by Sue Bourget.

Number 3 being the front sign and entry corner beautification, which will cost approx. \$150.00 a year plus an additional amount for the upkeep to be hired out. This proposal was passed by Nancy DrusKovich motioning it and the motion was seconded by Robin Krill. Although the matter of the amount for upkeep was not determined and that matter of the proposal will be re-visited at a later date.

We are still in need of a leader to help with the 7th grade party Feb 20 from 2:50-4:00. If interested, please contact Pam Yoder-Gagnon. Her email is pamfam5@ameritech.net.

Principal's Report: Mr. Killips suggested in regards to the drug tests, it is simple to have them done at the doctor for physicals.

He discussed that the month of February is considered a 'transition month' for the kids.

Next PTSO meeting will be Feb 4, Media Center.

Respectfully submitted by Dawn Powell-Fitch