

**Pinchbeck Elementary School
PTA Board Meeting
January 19, 2012**

Present:

Gillian Anderson
Robyn Anderson
Aileen Botkins
Cathy Calhoun
Melissa Costanzo
Jennifer Emory
Liz Farber
Paul Finke
Ellen Gonzalez

Amy Gregory
Jessica Haddad
Jennifer Haueis
Marie Hess
Heidi Jadowski
Robin Jager
Brooke Khan

Tracey Leverty
Sarah Modrak
Lisa McAlorum
Catherine McSorley
Becky Myers
Shannon Petska

Opening: The regular meeting of the Pinchbeck Elementary School PTA Board was held on January 19, 2012 in room C1. Marie Hess called the meeting to order at 5:50 p.m. A quorum is present.

Approval of Minutes: Heidi Jadowski moved that the minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting be approved. Becky Myers seconded. The minutes from the November 17, 2011 meeting stand approved.

Officer's Reports:

President-Elect - Marie Hess reported for Kelly Whitley. A Nominating Committee is needed for next year consisting of 2 board members and 1 non-board member. If you are interested, please contact Kelly. The Executive Board positions that are open next year are Treasurer, President-Elect and Recording Secretary. Café Ray is a new program designed to encourage good cafeteria behavior. The class with the best behavior will dine at Café Ray which will be located on the stage in the cafeteria. Volunteers will be needed to help set up tables and serve during lunch.

Treasurer – Copies of the budget were distributed. Heidi Jadowski reported that we have met or exceeded our budget so far this year. The Spring Book Fair and Talent Show are coming up as well as a few more Spirit Nights. Please email Heidi if you have any checks that need to be deposited or receipts to turn in.

Committee Reports:

After School Enrichment – Brooke Khan reported that ASE will run 2/29 thorough 4/4. It will be held on Wednesday's from 2:15 – 3:15. This year we will have: Kids Yoga, Awesome Adventures, Sports with Mr. Stein, All Fired Up, Edible Education, and Maymont Environmental Explorers.

Book Fair – Liz Farber reported that the Spring Book Fair will have a Luau theme this year. A 3 week window for online orders will be available. A link for online orders will be in the electronic newsletter. The Pasta Dinner will be held in conjunction with this on 2/24 from 6-8pm with the book fair to follow. Volunteers are needed. Please contact Liz or Aileen Botkins if you would like to volunteer.

Community Service – Jennifer Haueis reported that through the January Rays Reaching Out Service Project, bags of pretzels are being collected to replenish teacher snack containers. A gently used book drive is coming up and will tie in with the Pasta dinner.

Recycling – Tracey Leverty reported that a juice pouch recycling drive kicked off in January. No washing of the pouches is required. Please send any empty juice pouches to Tracey. Classroom recycling is still going on. A 'green day' slant is in the works for the Science Fair.

Room Parents – Lisa McAlorum reported that the next teacher luncheon will take place on Friday, 1/27 with a crock pot theme. First and fourth grades are hosting this event.

Talent Show – Becky Myers reported that we will have 35 acts in the show this year and it is already ½ way full! Sign up online to hold a spot. One person signing up for each act will hold a spot however permission forms will be needed for each student in order to stay after school for the rehearsals. On 2/20 they will hold the auditions/screenings, 3/16 will be dress rehearsal and on 3/23 the show will be held at Godwin High School. Godwin

will provide an individual to operate the lights and sound. Mr. Stein will emcee. There will be a mom's act this year which Mr. Stein will choreograph. Mr. Lauer and Ms. Birkhead students will perform an opening act.

Yearbook – Marie Hess reported for Ann Marie Leake. Yearbook orders are still being collected with a deadline of 1/31/12. Shout Out orders will likely be extended. Volunteers are needed to help with 5th grade baby pictures. Please continue to send in your own pictures for the yearbook.

Principal's Report:

- Ms. Modrak reported:
 - Ms. Gonzalez is the new faculty representative.
 - The All Pro Dads dinner was a success with over 70 dads and over 100 students in attendance. The next All Pros Dads is scheduled for 3/8.
 - The Spelling Bee took place today.
 - The renovation is moving along with plumbing and electrical work going on this week. Windows will go in next week. Security cameras have been installed with monitors behind the stage temporarily.
 - Benchmark testing will take place next week.
 - The Recognition Assembly on 2/10 will recognize student achievements for the first and second quarter.
 - Mentoring program began last week with teachers and students. Participants will be attending a University of Richmond basketball game this Saturday.
 - A Community Forum Meeting will take place at the end of March or early April. Suggestions for topics included: Study Skills, Head Lice Education, and an Open Forum for questions and answers.

New Business:

Marie Hess introduced Melissa Costanzo. Melissa will be a liaison between the PTA and Ms. Birkhead and Mr. Lauer's classes.

Mrs. Gonzalez reported that on 3/1/2012 we will have a 'Math Night' from 6:30 – 7:30pm. K-2 and 3-5 activities involving everyday math and games will take place.

Announcements:

- Jan 19 Game Night
- Jan 23 McAllisters Deli Spirit Night
- Jan 27 Teacher Luncheon
- Jan 30 Student Holiday
- Feb 10 Recognition Assembly
- Feb 16 Board Meeting 5:45, GM/Choral Program (3rd Grade) , 7:00pm
- Feb 20 Student Holiday
- Feb 24 Pasta Dinner and Book Fair Kick Off, 6:00pm
- Mar 8 All Pro Dads Dinner
- Mar 15 Board Meeting 5:45, Choral Program (3rd Grade) , 7:00pm
- Mar 23 Talent Show at Godwin
- Apr 19 Science Fair

Reports

VP Programs Update

Family game night tonight! Thank you for participating and lending us your games! Hope it will be fun for students and their parents/families as well.

Pasta dinner/book fair kickoff entertainment booked. Henry and Phillip Magic show....Books are magic. Starts at 7pm, runs about an hour.

Black History Program scheduled for 3/7/12. Heroes of the Underground Railroad in the cafeteria at 8:30 am. 45 minute program followed by 5 minute question and answer.

Science fair being planned and run by Jen Krug and Karen Schwartkopf. Please direct all questions or suggestions to them.

In school programs booked and confirmed with Young Scientists.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:20.

Cathy Calhoun

The minutes were: ___ approved as submitted

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