

MINUTES FROM PTO MEETING SEPTEMBER 23

Review of last year:

Brenna Knott began the meeting by reviewing the previous year: PTO funds went toward the new playground first; \$13,000 was paid and we thought it was paid off, but we thought wrong. An additional \$5,000 was paid last year and we still owe \$8,221 (NISD paid \$25,000). We have approximately \$5,000 in the budget now, which we are holding onto... just in case. We plan to make an additional payment(s) on the playground this year. We need some good fundraising!!

Election of Officers for 2008-2009:

President: Carla Coffee

Secretary: Michelle Schaefer

Vice President: Tara Newman

Treasurer: Monique Guidry

Fundraising Wish List:

Lysa Hagan discussed "smart boards" and expressed hope that we would acquire some in the future for our new school. As described, smart boards are like big computer screens whose images can be manipulated by touch and moved around the screen. They sound like futuristic chalkboards. She mentioned that many schools in Houston and Dallas have them (well now we really have to get them if we're cool). She said it would be great to get one to let the teachers learn on, then get more as we can.

Fundraisers:

Okay y'all pay attention to this part because it's an eye opener. With box tops we earn about \$1000 per year for our school. When we participate in Papa John's Pizza night (1st Monday of the month) we earn \$100-\$170 per month for our school because they give us a percentage. There is also a Target credit card that you apply for through Target, but can be used anywhere and a percentage of purchases go to the school you designate. So far, the charter school has earned \$300 per year from that. I plan to get more details about the Target card and get them to you. These are just little things you can do, some of which don't even involve spending any more money than you already do and as you can see they add up in a huge way!!!

We have a fundraising committee too and they organize events like the potato bake and wreath sale, which have been pretty successful. If you would like to serve on that committee or have a great idea for fundraising, call or email Carla Coffee, or just come to a meeting!!

Committees:

Brenna listed and described all the current committees along with one that might be added. A sign-up sheet was passed around so people could volunteer for the various committees. Volunteers are needed, so if you see a committee that fits you, please join the list! Committees are: yearbook, fall festival, homecoming, teacher appreciation, fundraising, end of year party, mother/son (football game or new event), father daughter dance, and the new committee needed is the field day committee- coach Monica needs some help!

Other News:

We discussed how often we would meet and Brenna said that in the past, PTO met an average of 3 times per year. It was said that once we get the ball rolling on our ideas, it works well to communicate through email, by phone, or by sending home papers with the children. We decided that we would meet if there was a need.

Wynter Chauvin brought up the idea that we might have a "hands across campus" event in which we, with our children will form a line stretching from the old school to the new school in order to move supplies from one building to the other. We would pass boxes down the line to get the job done. Everybody gave a warm fuzzy "aw, gee" at that idea. In other words everyone loved it, no one disliked it. It would just be a great community-building experience as well as a great publicity opportunity as well. Great idea Wynter! Obviously that would happen in the future, so we have plenty of time to discuss it.

If you have any questions or want to serve, you can contact Carla Coffee:

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