

## District Wide Parents' Council (DWPC) April 2007 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Pam Tack at 9:45.

**Old Business** - One update made since our last meeting - Meet the Candidates Night had to be changed to April 30<sup>th</sup> at Miller at 6:30 due to another event scheduled at Miller. Maureen Bower had a suggestion that maybe we should set up a date and have it put on the calendar. Pam will talk to Mr. Gretzinger about setting this up.

Minutes – no changes were made to the minutes – Pam made a motion to have the minutes accepted as written – motion was accepted by Caroline Ramalay and seconded by Ellen Cordaro.

Treasurers' report – the current bank statement that we have is from Feb. our balance is \$195.39 – 2 deposits were made but they did not appear on the statement yet.

**Board of Education Report** – Maureen informed us that the School Board was amended the new budget, there will be a 3.1% increase. An In depth discussion took place regarding the board's decision to keep the budget low. A power point presentation has been set up and the board members and administrators are available to come to the schools or any other groups to present. The presentation can be made as long as the group requests. Just contact the board or administrators if you'd like to have them present to a group. Maureen was put on hold so that Mr. Gretzinger could talk.

**Administrative Info - Mr. Gretzinger** – The board is discouraged that nothing appeared in the paper regarding the budget being presented to the public at 3.1%. We want to remind everyone that if they have a college student make sure that they get an absentee ballot if they are not in town. Also, if you know someone who is not going to be able to vote on May 15<sup>th</sup> tell them to get an absentee ballot. It was noted that on Monday evening on Public Access Television from 7:00 - 8:00 Gordon Webb will spend the last 15 minutes of his show discussing the school district budget with Ron Dietl. This will be going on for the next few weeks.

If we could get a letter writing campaign going that involves writing about the positive things going on in the district. On Thursday evening Public Access Television is still showing the district show.

Mr. Gretzinger is going to make sure that each school has something going on the day of the budget/board vote.

The vote is on May 15<sup>th</sup>. He is planning to have a recognition evening at George Washington School at 6:00 recognizing middle school and high school students. This way parents will be out and they can be reminded to vote. We really need to get the word out to get folks out to vote. Discussion occurred sharing different ways that we can use to get the word out phone call campaigns and door to door campaigns were brought up.

(SAM)Sports Art and Music has made calls in the past and we are hoping that they will do so again this year. The Kingston Teacher's Union has also made calls in the past reminding people to get out and vote. In depth discussion took place involving ways to get people out to vote.

Pam asked Mr. Gretzinger about putting on the master schedule Meet the Candidates night – we are looking at Tuesday, May 13, 2008 for the evening.

**Board of Education report – continued-** Maureen went through the packet that she ran off sharing info that went on at the meeting. The board also recognized the Salutatorian and Valedictorian at the high school this year. It is the hope of the district that we can recognize our students as being well rounded.

### **New Business** –

District Wide Parents' Council will be hosting a Kevin Cahill presentation – Thursday, April 19, 2007 at City Hall – 7:00-9:00. Madeline has worked for several months to get the presentation together and we just found out that Kevin Cahill is available on Thursday, April 19<sup>th</sup>. After a lot of looking we were able to get City Hall for the presentation.

Flyers were available for all of the reps we would like all of the schools to display the flyers. This will be our only means of getting the word out other than word of mouth!!! (Any rep not present I ponied the flyers to your school)

Our other event taking place this month will be Meet the Candidates Night. We had several conflicts and ended up scheduling the event on Monday, April 30<sup>th</sup> at Miller Middle School from 6:30 – 9:00. Mr. Preville is going to get the flyers printed up and send them out to the schools so they can be distributed to the students to take home. We also had available large flyers that the reps have been asked to display at the schools. Linda Roberts put us in contact with someone from the League of Women Voters who will be our moderator this year.

### **Roundtable –**

Graves (Lu Mabey) they are celebrating the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the school. They helped move the town library and they received a Lowe's grant. The 4H came to the school to talk about starting up a 4H Club. They would be interested in coming in to speak to groups about starting the 4H at any school.

Edson (Jolyn Safron) Family Fun Night was in March – the Smoothies' performed –it was a fun night for everyone. Book Fair will begin on April 23 - West African Drumming presentation took place – it was an Artist in Residence program that was done with the third grade – they did artwork, and learned drumming and did several concerts.

GW (Caroline Ramaley) Italian Night will be taking place April 20<sup>th</sup> from 4-7 the Bailey orchestra will be playing - \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. An early bird special will be from 4:00 – 5:00 for senior citizens. They are having trouble getting new PTA officers and members they don't know what will be happening in the future.

Bailey (Marianne Bennett) – They are looking for a president for next year. They are having a fundraiser Principal for a Day. A student gets to shadow the principal for the day. The talent show will be on Friday evening. They are having a fundraiser selling t-shirts – students made the design and they will be put on t-shirts or hoodies.

Miller (Lisa Klotz) – They had a talent show that went very well. Phone campaign for the referendum went well. They have a book fair and dance coming up.

Sophie Finn (Madeline) - They had a cookie sale and a book fair. They are getting things done but are also having trouble getting people to run for offices.

High School (Pam) Winter Carnival went well – The Man of LaManche was a great success. The trip of the band, orchestra, and chorus to Disney World over Spring Break went great. They had a parade down Main Street. Over three hundred students flew down to FL for the trip.

Zena (Rene Bonjolo) – They are going to work at getting Cub Scouts back into the school. They are doing Caught doing Something Good cards. When the kids are spotted doing something good they are given a card. Their principal is retiring this year. They are doing a healthy snack week. Field day, DARE graduation and moving up are all coming up. They have a lot of things going on a wildlife assembly is scheduled as is a Recycling Center field trip.

Myer (Deb Ferraro) – Disney Radio came to the school for an assembly it's in conjunction with the Move It Fitness program through the Disney Radio Station it went great. Debbie will get us information if anyone is interested in the assembly they only book a certain number each year. Fourth grade had a Hoffman car wash. Brooks Barbeque is rescheduled for Nov.

Motion to adjourn was made by Madeline Hoetger and seconded by Pam Tack. The meeting ended at 12:05. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, May 3.

**HOPE TO SEE EVERYONE AT THE KEVIN CAHILL PRESENTATION AT CITY HALL ON THURSDAY, APRIL 19 AND AT MEET THE CANDIDATES NIGHT ON APRIL 30<sup>TH</sup> AT MILLER.**

Minutes submitted by Cheryl Oliver. Minutes are not official until approved at the next meeting