

District Wide Parents' Council (DWPC) September 2006 Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Pam Tack at 9:37.

Secretary's report – (Cheryl Oliver) A motion was made by Madeline Hoetger to accept the June minutes the motion was seconded by Jolyn Safron. All were in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's report – (Vera Rubeo) Currently, the balance is \$75.39. The advertisement for the Freeman that was placed in June to help get people out to vote for the budget came to \$504.32. Vera would prefer that the dues be paid by check. This makes it easy for her to keep track of payments.

Roundtable/Building Concerns – Pam reviewed with the group the new format that was voted on last year – one change that we would like to make is moving the Board of Education report before the Question and Answer session. Everyone agreed and we will make the switch for the Oct. meeting.

Introductions were made around the table by all the members.

Sophie Finn – (rep – Madeline Hoetger) the PTO fundraiser this year is the catalog of Holiday Wishes. Another issue that they are working on right now is their playground – they were supposed to have a new playground up and running by the beginning of the year but it is not up. A lot of confusion is going on now one reason being that the folks that were on the board last year have moved out of the school and it is hard getting contacts and finding the status. It was suggested that for the next meeting we will invite Gary Tomczyk in to answer any questions about funding projects and the procedure/process involved.

Chambers – (rep – Cathy Murphy) The first fundraiser they are having is a candy sale which will begin Sept. 21. Plans are also underway to get an author in and Cathy will get info to us and maybe we can share the author and get a good price.

Graves – (rep – Lu Mabey) The school has several fundraisers in the works for the year. A Read-a-thon – a pledge sheet is sent home and then returned to the school. The children read books during the day the teachers set aside time for the reading the Read-a-thon only involves one day that is Halloween - the theme of the books was Halloween. They did this last year and are planning to do it again this year – it was a huge success. A Math-a-thon was also done it was not as successful but they may try it again. Pie orders are also going to be done again and a book fair. Another successful fundraiser was Principal for a Day – the kids get to buy tickets with their names on it and then they picked a name out, and that person did the principal jobs for the day. They had a limit of 5 tickets a day – the principal even bought tickets for all of the students. Other fundraisers last year were a Hoffman car wash and an art square activity.

Bailey – (rep – Marianne Bennett) The Open House is Sept. 14. The first fundraiser will be a performance by The Fault Line and the Energizer Dancers they will be performing on Sat. Oct. 7 \$7.00 at 6:00. The third annual Bailey Plaza will take place on Nov. 4 from 10AM – 4 PM, if anyone knows anyone that would like to be a vendor contact Jodi Stockdal 338-2214. Vendors pay \$20 for the space and \$5 for the table – each vendor is asked to donate a \$25 basket tickets are sold and they are raffled off. The stage Curtains are in need of replacement and this is a big project that is being looked at. It came up that several schools are in need of replacement – curtains, seats, and lighting etc. We will contact Bob Cunningham and see if he can help us center in on what is needed and what items came up in the Building Conditions Survey.

Miller – (rep- Barbara Burns/ alternate Lisa Klotz) Open House will be tonight - Sept 14 at 7:00. The first PTA meeting is next Thurs. The Book fair and craft fair will be coming up.

Edson – (rep Jolyn Safron alternate Cheryl) The school's open house will be next Thurs. Sept 21. Two fundraisers this year will be taking place, the first is Sally Foster – this will involve selling entertainment books, order by catalog and cookie dough. The second fundraiser is the Brooks Chicken dinner - it will be on Tues. Sept. 26. Flyers were available for folks to take back to the schools. A Book fair will be in the spring.

Zena – (rep – Rene Bonjolo) Open house will be Monday, Sept. 18. They are selling Smencils which are pencils made from recycled paper. They are selling them for \$1 – they are scented pencils. The company can be reached at www.smencils.com or www.herecomesmoney.com you can also call them at 1-800-253-8637. The

PTA is having 4 meetings but the officers and chair holders will meet monthly. They have started a website that includes activities and other info. The first PTA meeting will be Sept. 28. The website is www.myteacherpages.com/webpages/Zena

Mr. Gretzinger (Superintendent of Schools) had a meeting to attend so we put the Roundtable on hold so that he could go next.

Question and Answer session – Mr. Gretzinger – the beginning of the year went well. So far nothing out of the ordinary has gone wrong other than the electric problem at Miller School. A problem that had arisen at Miller involving the music department should be taken care of by next week. The 6 day schedule is running smoothly at the elementary school level. The new snack policy has been approved and they are trying to get the children to bring in healthy snacks. Anything that the children bring in as a snack should be allowed. Eventually, fundraisers and parties will be looked at and the district will be putting in administrative regulations. Mr. Gretzinger discussed the info in the paper regarding the math issue at the high school. The way that the math scores work is that we were off by 3 points in one area and that is what put us on the list. The next Health and Wellness meeting will be Mon. Sept. 18.

Roundtable continued -

Meagher – (rep – Kristine Casciaro) Open house is Sept 21 and the PTA meeting is Sept. 28. For one of the fundraisers they sold bags of popcorn and it was a huge success.

High School – (rep- Lynn Dennison) The first PTSA meeting is Sept. 26. and on Sept 28th is the open house. Another issue that was brought up is that if you don't want your high school age student's name put on the military recruiter list you can send in a letter and have it removed.

Myer – (rep - Debbie Ferraro) Back to school night is Tues. Sept. 19. They are doing the Sally Foster fundraiser project – they did the entertainment book and the catalog. They are also doing the Gertrude Hawk candy, bake sale, and Yankee Candle. They are having the new playground put in on Oct. 21. Kaboom was the organization that they went through to get the grant for the playground. The playground is coming from Playworld. Kaboom can be reached at www.kaboom.org.

Mr. Preville – Assistant Superintendent of Personnel and Administration came in to introduce himself. Everyone is placed and he has no openings to fill except one which was a resignation that just occurred. Forty seven placements occurred during the summer.

New Business – We are going to look at ways that we can help get the budget passed. Each rep is asked to email Lisa Klotz at lkoltz24@aol.com and let her know what was done last year at their respective schools. DWPC reps were asked to get their forms and dues in when they can. Dues are still \$10.

Board of Education – Maureen Bowers presented information that was presented at the meetings. A workshop schedule was provided. The Board will be doing their “Coffee and Conversation” again at Deisings and Monkey Joe's. This year schedules have been set up for **Deisings on Sept. 21, Oct. 18, Nov. 22, and Dec. 20 all events go from 11:30-1:30 and Monkey Joe days are scheduled for Oct. 2, Nov. 6, Dec.4 from 9:00-11:00.**

Also included in the packet were the KALP (Kingston Alternative Learning Program) report, student attendance policy, Act of Education month, James Shaughnessy is currently working on trying to get the board of elections to change the place where we vote. It would be nice if parents could vote at the school where their children go. He's working on this. Also included in the report were Elementary School report and also high school graduation statistics. We discussed in depth ideas on how can we get the word out as to what areas are being effected by the austerity budget.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 by Pam Tack and seconded by Cathy Murphy.

The next meeting will be Oct. 5.

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

