

Park City High School PSTO Meeting

December 8, 2009

Present: Shauna Engen, Dale Cohen, Cindy Smith, Julie Eihausen, Cammie Archibald, Monika Guendner, Connie Whitworth, Rose Pershe, Patsy Barnes, Joanie Engram-Bibb, Lynn Cier, Sue Frost, Katherine Fagin, Hilary Hays.

The meeting was called to order at 12:03.

1. Welcome and Introductions.
2. Minutes: The minutes from the last meeting were reviewed.
3. A Thank You note from School Community Council to the PTSO for support during the State Football Play-off week was passed around.
4. Mr. Morrison's brother passed away during the week of Thanksgiving. What can PTSO do to help support him? Suggestions? He would like reading material or movies to distract him, so a gift certificate to Barnes and Noble was suggested. Julie Eihausen made a motion to purchase a \$50 gift certificate for him. Joanie Bibb seconded. Motion passed.
5. Principal's Report: Hilary Hays
 - A. An award was received from Hughes Construction: Honorable Mention in Best of State for Construction Award of Merit.
 - B. Winter Sports Update: Swimming is doing great. Student Council is going to try to get more fan participation for winter sports.
 - C. Change for Change is for Cystic Fibrosis.
 - D. The School is getting ready for the Holidays and the annual Food Drive.
 - E. There was a meeting with the past two year's leadership classes about the Grateful Head Project. There would be baseline testing of neurosensor and processes of every student. Testing would take place in PE classes at the start of the year. The tests would be used in the event of a head injury to determine the extent of damage and when a student could return to activities. This will be discussed at the next district meeting and funding will be looked at, as the program may be expensive. There would be an initial cost of \$1500 and then \$30 per additional test which would most likely not be covered by insurance.
 - F. The state board that governs technology is moving towards eliminating all technology contact between students and teachers (texting, e-mail, facebook, etc.) in light of the recent problems with inappropriate student-teacher relationships. Our district would like the policy to allow school related contact since students often contact teachers by e-mail regarding assignments and the plan for unexpected school closures includes measures to us e-mail, teacher web pages and Skype. These may not be allowed under the proposals being discussed.
 - G. The community needs to start mobilizing against equalization. A bill is being drafted again for this year's legislative session. Summit County has hired a lobbyist that is working on this. The Superintendents, School Board and UEA are all against it.
 - H. Indoor tennis courts are on the list for construction for TMIS. Construction at the Racquet Club will affect the high school tennis teams' seasons.
 - I. Thanks to PTSO for the weekly update. Thanks to Connie and Kristen for support during the Football Playoffs.

- J. There will be an early release on December 22 at noon. No movies will be shown on Monday, December 21, and Tuesday, December 22. There will be quality review and labs.
 - K. The Annual Student Talent show will be on December 18 at 1:15.
 - L. The administrators are sending home “keeper” cards for seeing students doing things that they want students to keep doing. These are a result of administrator observations of classrooms.
6. Honor Roll: There were about 400 students who attended the Honor Roll breakfast. They will not have fruit in the future. The students didn’t eat it. They had plenty of volunteers. A better system is needed for check in to assure that those who show up actually made the honor roll.
 7. There will be a Teacher Appreciation lunch on December 15th. Volunteers are needed to bring side dishes.
 8. Monika Guendner, PCEF: The annual Phone-a-thon will be the second week in February. They would like to have more involvement from the schools. Volunteers are needed for the 8th, 9th, and 10th from 6:30-9:00 to help with the phone-a-thon. The money will be used for this year’s focus, which is math and science.
 9. Grad-Night: J.J. Ehlers and Patsy Barnes will be Co-chairing. Julie Keen Stevens will help. They need guidance on what the process is. A meeting will be set up to start organizing in January. Also volunteering to help are Tani Doering, Joanie Bibb and Cindy Smith.
 10. Treasurer’s Report: Julie Eihausen. (See attached)
 - A. \$500 new money has come in. \$2800 is available.
 - B. We need to put \$1000 back into Student Support as Student Council is planning on using that money. Julie Eihausen made a motion to return \$1000 to Student Support. Connie Whitworth seconded. Motion passed.
 - C. Teachers will be given water bottles for the Holidays.
 - D. The remaining unallocated money in Mini-grants will stay there as will the seed money for Grad-Night.

The meeting adjourned at 1:30.