

Minutes of PTSA Meeting Held April 8, 2009

Present: Cathy Thompson, Molly Diehl, Kelly Piatt, Christa Jimerson, Ms. Terri Pruitt, Kari Ann Piatt, Ms. Kathy Tilghman, Sally Pitts-Rakes, Samantha Hoppman, Shane Witt, Kim Stevens, Katie Diehl, Leslie Wagner, Dr. Nick Manolakos, Linda Hanna, Christorian Grady, Phyllis Grady, Donna Lash, Keva Brooks, Isaiah Brooks.

Meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm by Molly Diehl, co-president.

Bill Hall, a candidate for the Red Clay School Board District "C" attended the meeting to introduce himself and to speak about his family, his interest in being on the school board and his desire for the school board to have a vision for the schools. He believes all Red Clay schools should be high performing. School board elections are May 12, 2009. Please get out and vote. Any school board candidate that wishes to attend our PTSA meetings can feel free to attend and speak. GHADA is trying to set up a candidate night, which is tentatively set for Monday April 20, 2009.

Minutes of meeting on March 18, 2009 were revised and approved.

Treasurer's Report was shared and approved. Amended budget was presented and approved.

Student Input: Cafeteria situation has improved, though there are still long lines at lunch. Some students continue to "butt" in line, which is an annoyance to those who have been waiting patiently. Senior lounge seems to be working more smoothly.

Administrators Report: Ms. Kathy Tilghman mentioned many dates of potential interest to parents:

- 1 April 30, SSP experience for parents at school
- 2 May 5 – Teacher Appreciation breakfast at 7 am. Parents please send in donations to Ms Sandy Bowman
- 3 May 7 – Honor Society Inductions
- 4 May 16 – Prom
- 5 May 19 – 22 – senior final exams
- 6 June 9 – Last student day

MAP testing is coming up. Atmosphere at school is great. There was a parent note to please look at and clean up the area behind the tennis courts.

Teacher Request: Ms. Terri Pruitt, advisor the National Honor Society, requested funding for a table cloth, pins, and balloons for the upcoming National Honor Society induction. Request was unanimously approved up to \$407.55, along with an additional amount to purchase flowers for all inductees and members. Many comments were made about how to improve the logistics of the ceremony.

Student Dance Committee: The student dance on March 20 was another resounding success. Samantha Hoppman agreed to chair again next year and will work on a different theme.

Teacher Appreciation: Donna Lash reported that a teacher breakfast will be held on May 5 from 7 – 7:30. All donations need to be to Sandy Bowman by May 1. Teacher luncheon will be on June 3.

No Bake Bake Sale: Linda Hanna reported current status. The fundraiser is the biggest of the year and is experiencing a bit of a downturn given the economy and the lack of email blasts. Inquiry was made as to whether the Alert Now system could be used to announce upcoming events.

Brick Paver Project: Molly Diehl reported that PTSA needs at least one volunteer to help with the project. Anyone interested contact Randy Spencer. Also, 25 new engraved bricks will be installed on April 19 at 1 pm and help is needed.

Student Awards: Kim Stevens reported the committee needs all student hours for the PTSA awards. Students can submit hours directly to Ms. Stevens or put in the PTSA mailbox in the teacher mail room. Awardee names must be decided by April 25.

Dr. A Retirement Fundraiser: Linda Hanna and Cathy Thompson will put together a basket from AI for Dr A's Retirement Fundraiser which will be held on May 14 at 5 pm in the Crystal Ballroom at the DuPont Country Club. PTSA voted to a lot \$200 to this basket. Donations will also be accepted.

Newsletter: Next Newsletter deadline is May 15. Send to AmyHurff@comcast.net

Adjourned at 8:45 pm. Next meeting is May 13, 2009 at 6 pm in Room 153, right before the Awards Ceremony at 7 pm.