



HEREFORD MIDDLE SCHOOL

PTA MINUTES

March 13, 2008

I. CALL TO ORDER

Executive Board meeting called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President, Catherine Webb.

In Attendance: Brenda Thompson, Catherine Webb, Cindy Kobbe, Pat MacNabb, Bill Eber and Andrea Barnett

II. READING OF THE MINUTES

****NOTE: CINDY KOBBE WILL RECORD TONIGHT'S PTA MEETING MINUTES FOR RECORDING SECRETARY, CINDY SHEFFIELD.***

The minutes from the February 14, 2008 Executive Board meeting were distributed and read. The following corrections were noted:

- The Balt. County Reflections Awards ceremony was held on March 3, 2008 at New Town High School, not on March 9th as was reported.
- Mr. Doepkins will have his students maintain the school gardens during the school year only and not during the summer as was reported.

MOTION: CINDY KOBBE MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES FROM THE FEBRUARY 14TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING WITH NOTED CORRECTIONS, ALL IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT

The 2007-2008 Treasurer's Report and the February PNC Banking Statement was distributed and reviewed. The reported ending cash balance was \$29,976.28.

MOTION: BILL EBER MOVED TO APPROVE THE TREASURER'S REPORT FROM THE FEBRUARY 14TH EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING, SECONDED BY PAT MACNABB; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

IV. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

Principal's Report:

- Vice Principal, Brenda Thompson reports 2008-2009 staffing continues to be in good shape, requiring only minor shifting as a result of recent statewide budget cuts.
- Controversy still surrounds debate regarding Dr. Hairston's and the Board of Education's failure to request salary increases for all school employees for the 2008-2009 school year.

Teacher's Report:

Teacher Liaison, Pat MacNabb has single handily acquired 22 new faculty memberships. Way to go! March 31st is the membership deadline and is when all unused PTA membership cards should be returned. Pat's goal is 100% staff enrollment. Pat continues to speak with teachers regarding their wants and wishes lists. ~~She's considering a bulk purchase of flash drives; approximately 63 drives will be needed.~~

Faculty Request:

The Social Studies Department has submitted a request for replacement projector light bulbs costing \$169 each. These universal bulbs have a lifetime rating of approx. 2,000 hours of operation. ~~Teacher's normally purchase these by using their own money.~~

MOTION: BILL EBER MOVED TO APPROVE PURCHASING TWO PROJECTOR LIGHT BULBS COSTING \$169 EACH (ONE TO USE AND ONE TO STORE), SECONDED BY CINDY KOBBE; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

V. **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Hospitality: Approaching Teacher’s Appreciation Week; planning events now.

Direct Donations: Catherine Webb recently received one Direct Donation, proving it’s never too late...

Membership: Recent membership collections totaled \$110.

VI. **NEW BUSINESS**

General

Parent, Bill Ebert reports that this year’s musical competition is set; three buses will transport students to and from Hershey, PA. Financial assistance is needed to help students who are unable to afford trip costs.

MOTION: BILL EBER MOVED TO CONTRIBUTE \$100 IN FINANCIAL AID FOR THE MUSICAL COMPETION TO HERSHEY PARK, SECONDED BY CINDY KOBBE; ALL IN FAVOR. MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

Student Highlights

Reflection program went well. Andrea Barnett will send Thank You cards to Mrs. Peterson and the local artist who volunteered to be program judge. Congratulations to the following 8th grade students for Receiving a 2007-2008 Baltimore County PTA Reflections Award:

- Katherine Kobbe - Visual Arts Award of Excellence
- Gina Maskell - Photography Award of Excellence
- Celine Schmidt - Photography Award of Excellence
- Laura Lee Wight - Literature Award of Excellence

Congratulation also goes to eighth grader, Suki Ferris for receiving a Student Achievement Award from the Maryland State Advisory Council on Gifted Education. Suki was one of only 4 students chosen to speak at the ceremony in Annapolis, MD.

March Madness Basketball game scheduled for Marc 17th at 7 pm in the HHS Gymnasium. Event is in memory of, and to benefit the scholarship funds of former students, Taylor Cunningham and Joey Baseman.

MOTION: BILL EBER MOVED TO CONTRIBUTE \$100 TOWARDS THE MARCH MADNESS SCHOLARSHIP FUND, ALL IN FAVOR; MOTION CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY.

MSA Testing begins on April 1, 2008; teachers considering ‘work-to-rule’.

VII. **OLD BUSINESS**

- Mrs. Stemler will guide Boy Scout’s table construction this summer.
- Still no volunteer(s) to water school gardens during the summer break.

BCPS Operating Budget News

Controversy continues surrounding Dr. Joe Hairston and the Baltimore County Board of Education’s failure to request salary increases for all education employees for the 2008-2009 school year. Catherine Webb and Cindy Kobbe are attending tonight’s (3-13-08) Baltimore County Council’s PTA General Membership Meeting at Loch Raven High School beginning at 7:00 pm. Superintendent, Dr. Hairston will be the evening’s special guest speaker and will host a Q & A session. Risk Management will also be discussed. Bill Eber has offered to draft a letter to parents explaining how they can help; President Webb promises her support.

VIII. **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

The next PTA meeting is scheduled for April 10, 2008 beginning at 5:30 pm in the Sparks Elementary library.

**Respectfully Submitted, Cindy Kobbe*

APPROVED AS:

AS READ _____ OR _____ AS CORRECTED

MOTION TO APPROVE: _____ SECONDED BY: _____

DATE: _____

(Cynthia Kobbe, Vice President)