

Oct 7, 2009
P.T.S.A. Minutes
Un-Approved

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm

President Neil Percy made a few opening remarks and introductions of the officers for 2009/2010 P.T.S.A. board.

President – Neil Percy
V. President - Open
Treasurer – Mary Boudreau
Secretary – Angela Huertas
Teacher Liaison – Nancy Dultz

Happy to see all who attended, and hopes we can get even more attendees at the next meeting. We as parents are involved for the future of our children at Sage Park.

2009 – 2010 Activity Goals discussed/brainstormed:

We are selling “Windsor” green bags as a fundraiser or with membership to P.T.S.A \$3.00

FunDaz Cards – will be distributed to students Oct 14 & 15 with an assembly for 6 and 7th graders. 8th graders will get cards, but no assembly. Their fundraising is more focused on 8th grade events.

We are hoping the students can sell at least 2 cards each. They are good for a year towards discounts to local businesses.

Proceeds will support future P.T.S.A. events

Raffle – Looking for someone to run. These will take place at meetings and concerts

Box Tops for Education – collect box tops, Angela will run again

Cultural Arts – this year we have performers for each grade

Denis Waring	Grade 8	Feb. 4, 2010
Taikoza	Grade 6	Feb. 26, 2010
Ginga Brasileira	Grade 7	April 9, 2010

Hat, Coat Glove Drive – Fundraiser for the community

- P.T.S.A., Student Council, Jr. Honor Society all can help with this Project to obtain gently used or new items to donate.

Health Fair – It was decided it should be held in April and should start off small.

It would be solely the Sage Park community focusing on children’s health issues and issues that will be helpful for people.

Some things discussed: Dental Care, HUSKY Insurance, D.A.R.E., Teen nutrition, stress management for kids.

We would charge \$25.00 for a booth rental (for profit providers)

P.T.S.A. supports a fund that's held by Mr. Cavaliere to support students who may not be able to afford some field trips. Some of the funds raise will go into this account.

NEASC – (New England Assoc. of Schools and Colleges) comes in every 10 years to evaluate the school and see how they are meeting the accreditation standards. They will be here the week of 10/19/09. Parents are invited to attend a meeting held on Monday 10/19 at 8:30 a.m. and are asked to R.S.V.P. to Neil Percy. (R.S.V.P. not necessary)

Neil mentioned that the membership to P.T.S.A. also includes students and he'd like to have a student rep (1 per grade) attend meetings to be a "voice" for the students of the school.

Budget: The checking balance started at the beginning of the year at \$1426. The budget is for \$8800. Motion made by Aimee Crisanti to approve the budget, seconded by Cena Gray. Copies are available for review.

Mary B. is working with someone on grant writing to obtain funds for our Cultural Arts events.

It was brought to Neil's attention that there should be an agenda item to include open discussions at the meetings for any concerns to be addressed.

Meeting Topic: Parenting Towards Educational Success

Presented by Karen Henry, Dave Lemieux and Kathy Wise

Gave strategies on helping our students focus on their studies by establishing routines daily, developing good habits now, patterns, quiet study place, snack and a break, Parents checking on homework, agenda should have study items listed.

Remove distractions: Cell phone, TV, computer, video games

Prepare backpack the night before school so there's no rushing in the morning. Getting a good night sleep, open communication between student and parents.

Maybe giving kids household chores to build responsibility and good habits. Maybe a paper route, empty dishwasher. These habits will transfer over to school work.

Respect, Responsibility, Resourceful, Reflect

Discussed all the good that has come from the V.I.P. program. Students are making their own choices which are being rewarded at school through the V.I.P. program.

Take advantage of the guidance councilors and homeroom teachers. Talk with your children as to who is their "safe" adult at Sage Park they can talk to if they have any problems/questions.

Principal Remarks:

CMT test score reviews.

Daily Announcements are posted on the Sage Park website under Library Media/Parent section. You can check what programs will be after school that day, and other important information you may not hear from your child.

Introduced Melissa who helps run the National Jr. Honor Society at the Middle School Level.

Please be sure to sign up for one of the Volunteer opportunities at Sage this year.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:45