

Holmes PTA Meeting

September 24, 2009

Present: Cathy Farman, Lea Darrah, Julia Grim, Ashley Nelson, Derek Brothers, Rachel Aptekar, Sally Albertson, Heather Wade, Nancy Williams, Jennifer Thompson, Teri McNamara, Mary James, Carolee Gregg, Maria Chavez, Shelley Bronzan, Kristen Muir, Debbie Ariola, Camille Melendrez, Anne Finkleston, Christina Dicker, Becky Stahl, Denise Babich, Gene Ashdown, Iben Wilson, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Joanna Littell, Janice Purnell

I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Library

II. Minutes from May 2009 PTA meetings

- ◆ Lea Darrah moved to approve the minutes from the May 2009 PTA meeting; Mary James seconds. Motion approved

III. Treasurer's Report – *Cathy Farman*

- ◆ Iben Wilson moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 2008-June 2009; Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Proposed budget discussed. Less income expected from eScrip and from the Unfundraiser.
- ◆ Carolee Gregg moved to approve the proposed budget for 2009-2010; Mary James seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Cathy Farman detailed teacher requests totaling \$3,720.
- ◆ Sally Albertson moved to approve the teacher recommendations; Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.
- ◆ Christina Dicker moved to approve the profit and loss statement for July 1 to Sept. 23; Iben Wilson seconded. Motion approved.

IV. Unfundraiser – *Carolee Gregg*

- ◆ Discussion about whether PE teachers want to do another 9th grade field trip. To be determined.
- ◆ Carolee reported that planning for the Unfundraiser is underway; she requested helpers to stuff envelopes; Joanna Littell said kids needing community service might help.

V. Principal's Report – *Derek Brothers*

- ◆ Derek Brothers reported that Holmes has 738 students this year, almost the same as last year, with 9th grade being the largest class (270 students). Many teachers are at the class size limit
- ◆ School year is going well; WEB at the start of the year was successful, as was the PTA's parent meet-and-greet.
- ◆ The budget is tight and the biggest concern is cuts in the office staff; parents are urged to be patient if there is a slow response to calls.
- ◆ Nugget on Wednesdays has been going OK and activities will be getting underway at Holmes on Wednesday mornings.

- VI. **Counselor's Report** – *Ashley Nelson*
- ◆ Ashley reported on cut to counseling staff, with just she and Joanna responsible for all three grades.
 - ◆ Beginning of the year and registration went smoothly; Ashley thanked PTA for help with registration, selling PE clothes and helping hands.
 - ◆ Wendy Chason has taken a leave from the library
 - ◆ Counselors will be presenting to all grades on bullying and harassment
 - ◆ Suicide prevention program coming in November for 7th and 9th graders.
- VII. **Teacher's Report** – *Heather Wade*
- ◆ Heather thanked the PTA for luncheon at the beginning of the year.
 - ◆ Reported that things are going smoothly and teachers are happy.
- VIII. **Membership** – *Nancy Williams*
- ◆ Nancy reported \$4,628 in direct donations to PTA; \$3,480 in membership fees; more than \$2,000 in directory purchases.
- IX. **eScrip** – *Julia Grim*
- ◆ Julia reported that totals for April through July were \$2,300 (excluding Nugget).
- X. **Garden Report** – *Debra Ariola*
- ◆ Debbie worked with girl scouts on garden work over the summer; an eagle scout will be helping out this year as well, as is a service club.
- XI. **Hospitality** – *Sally Albertson*
- ◆ Sally reported on remaining events for the year: a winter luncheon on Jan. 25; staff appreciation week in the Spring; and a luncheon on the last Friday of the year.
- XII. **Red Ribbon Week** – *Mary James*
- ◆ Mary reported that all three junior highs will hold Red Ribbon Week Oct. 26-30.
 - ◆ The program will be pared down from last year with smaller group presentations so kids can more easily ask questions. Dan LaFond will be assisting.
 - ◆ Mary requested parent help.
- XIII. **President's Report** – *Cathy Farman*
- ◆ Cathy reported that folks at the last Parent Leader Group meeting were concerned about the lack of ParentConnect service until February. She asked if parents at Holmes wanted to encourage the District to bring it back sooner; parents expressed interest in having it sooner. Cathy will report that to the district.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary