

Minutes November 8, 2007 PTSA meeting

Called to order: 7:38 pm

October minutes:

Corrections : Russell Monilos (name correction)

Comm. Report: Mad Memo, delete "The President"

Vienna Madison Coalition: replace word "and" with the word "with"

Motion made: Bill Meister

Seconded: Peter Brownrigg

Motion carried

Student Government: David Choi , president of SGA

Can food drive is going well. Goal is 10,000 cans as of Tuesday the 5th they had between 7 and 8,000 cans. Friday the 9th is the deadline

"Can dance" after last home football game was a bust. They lost \$\$ money on the dance. Are kids tired of dance? Will not do for a couple of years then reevaluate to see if they will bring it back. Currently looking for other ideas to replace the dance

Dances are the SGA's main fundraisers

Ethics Day: Sr. Response: "Didn't learn much from it" Questions good but way it was approached not very helpful. Facilitators debated with students but no answers were given.

Winter Mixer to be held in December

Principal Report: Mr. Merrell

Tuesday 6th of Nov. Fairfax County administrators were trained on "Student threat assessment": potential violent offenders identified in the schools. Fairfax County is being pro-active on this issue

Committee with HS Principals in the area. Met with Mr. Dale to go over 2008-09 budget. Summer school at Madison is over. They are looking at site based summer school (Madison students go to Madison. No other schools come to our school).

Need based: so kids won't assume they can take a class during the summer

Only offered to kids who need a course to graduate

No enrichment classes offered

Losing a great deal of money for summer school. Cost is 19 million dollars for summer school

Decision will be made in November about the summer school plan for this coming summer

FCPS: 105 million dollar budget deficit this year

School enrollment 1916 as of Friday the 2nd of November. About 100 students over capacity

Boundary Study: Principals not part of decision

3 town meetings about boundaries. First one is Nov. 12th then 2 in December. Should attend all three since they build on each other. February decision will be made about the school boundaries

President Report: Edythe Kelleher

Encouraged people who are interested in Boundary study to attend all three meetings

Our 501C3 tax exempt letter arrived

Fundraising Letter from Madison Alum who attends William and Mary asking for help in Honduras. Can't help as this is an outside organization. Barb Werner knows student who sent letter so she will let student know about our decision

Treasurer's Report: Sherry Bouchard

Changes to income

Membership Dues: what we keep only
Add line for All night Graduation party

Expense line item addition

All Night Graduation party

Motion to accept report: Lisa Greenwood

Seconded: Bill Meister

Motion carried

Special Projects requests for funds

1. Chemistry/Physics department would like eye clickers for teaching

2 sets for each department

Cost is \$4400. Request is for \$2200 because they are applying for a grant for the other ½

Discussion held

Motion: Pam Rawlinson

Seconded: Jann Cassidy

Proposal passed

2. Equipment for Mr. Hernandez (Math department)

Requested funds for adapter to plug into calculator that will then display screen on to computer screen for the class to see. Cost is \$250

Motion: Bill Meister

Second: Michele Khol

Proposal passed

3. John Landis, from JMHS Media Center brought and discussed various options for Video production equipment. Decision was made to purchase the following items:

Mac Edit system with accessories and care plan \$4643.85

Cassablanca memory and software upgrades: \$976.00

Canon ZR 800 MiniDV camcorder \$523.02

Canon BP-2L 14 battery pack (4) \$239.96

Canon BP-945 battery pack \$99.00

Total: \$6480.93

Will review in the spring if we have any extra funds to purchase more equipment

Committee Reports

All Night Graduation: Barb Werner, chairperson,

1/3 seniors have signed up to date

Money not in PTSA fund: they have their own bank account and treasurer

Thinking about splitting off from the PTSA

Too difficult to stay under PTSA (Feel like they would be micromanaged)

Their budget is larger than the entire PTSA budget might not look right to the average parent

Looking at getting their own 501C3 designation and insurance to go alone

Band News: Lisa Greenwood

Turkey Trot is Sunday Nov. 11th at 8 am

270 registered runners so far

Start point is Vienna Fire station

Citrus will be delivered Dec. 9th

Ethics Day: Susan Waring

“Done Deal”

Consider doing it for younger grades next year

Mad Memos: Bill Meister

Articles must be in Monday after PTSA meetings; no exceptions

Membership: Edythe

932 members

All board members must be paying members

Practice SAT

105 kids have signed up

Can register day of

Morning announcements on Friday about it

Vienna Madison Coalition

Open House Nov. 13th at Freshman Dinner in Warhawk Hall

Reflections

Entries were way down this year

Maybe 20 participants

Announcements:

12th Night Play opened tonight

Will run Thursday-Saturday with 2 performances on Saturday

Adjourned 9:10

Motion Barb Werner

Second: Susan Waring