

PTA Meeting November 18th 2010

- President's Opening remarks: Meeting started at 7:02.
- Minutes from October 21st, 2010
- Treasurer's Report: Monthly report printed and shared with membership. Balance on hand 6,462.55. Added to balance this month; donations of 2,045.00, membership dues 3150.00, voided checks 1175.55. Escript is now going to PTA account, 5.60 deposited at this month. Expenses; check written to state PTA for dues \$1212.00, PTA liability paid (377.00) welcome breakfast (253.23), flowers for inner courtyard (13.94). Also paid registration fee for Math club and Science Olympiad. Increase budget for Science Olympiad to 500.00(voted and approved by membership). Increase budget for Dance Team to 780.00(voted and approved by membership). Yarbrough will put a blurb in keep in touch about parents signing up for Escript. Encourage students to ask people in the neighborhood to sign up for Escript for CSMS.
- Volunteer Coordinator: Currently over 200 volunteers registered. We need committee chairs. George Vargas will post vacancies on web site and people can contact him if interested. We will need an audit committee for next year. Must be at least 3 people. Please contact Board if interested.
- New Business:
 - Math Club: Karen Stein. Registration has been paid. Invoice will be mailed to school. Karen will give copy to PTA. Last week 15 students competed in math counts. February 5th is the next major competition. Students can still join. Monday B session. Students are allowed to wait in the Library if they do not attend an A session activity.
 - Book Fair: Sue Genuario. Will run from December 6th to December 17. All Language Arts students will come. Friday, December 3rd they will need help with set up. December 6th teacher preview. Will need 2-3 people per shift to work book fair. It will be open 2 nights, before, during and after the band concert. If interested please sign up on sheet being passed around or contact Yvonne Shincovich.
 - Honors/AP WPHS: Sue Genuario: Discussion on the current policy regarding Incompletes and elimination of Honors program at WPHS. Best place to get information is by attending the town meetings at WPHS, once a month on Friday mornings or the PTA meetings at WPHS first Monday of every month. Also may find more information on Face book site Real World, Real Grades. It is important that parents from middle school and elementary be

aware as this implementation will affect their students. Also discussed article on diversity of TJHS. Article stressed that this must begin in the middle school and elementary.

- Monopole: has been postponed indefinitely. Possibility that site may move to Heritage Church, better location for reception. Issue will be tabled until further information is released from the county.
 - Membership: Kay Flaherty 409 members. Cards will be attached to directory.
 - Multi Cultural night: Event will happen on May 27th. Volunteers are needed. George has sent the volunteer list to the coordinator.
 - PTA will sponsor WPHS Elective/athletic night during January PTA meeting. Jill Tucker will contact counselors at high school for dates. Representatives from the High school will come to CSMS to speak.
 - Student of the Quarter Coordinator: Searching for someone to coordinate this event. Two more events; February 10th and April 7th. Each team nominates at least 3 students to receive the award. School provides coffee and tables. PTA will serve and provide bake goods.
- Principals Report: Thank you for Student of the quarter reception. Honor Roll assembly 565 students recognized. Very proud of students, especially 8th graders. School Improvement Cluster will meet with Yarbrough on November 29th. School is required to complete assessments once a month by county. Staff is working very hard; looking at standards, planning visits to other schools to see what they are doing. Next couple of months Mr. Y will be visiting feeder schools. In December Mr. Y would like to do a slide presentation on where CSMS is now. Plans for the renovation will be shared at the end of tonight's meeting. December 6th teachers from science department will meet with architects to discuss plans. Discussion of Planetarium. One parent would like to contact NASA see if grant possibility.
 - Questions: from parents:
 - Ecart: Why so many multiple choice tests? This is a county mandate. Parent concerned about non-writing on tests, only multiple Also concerned about Ecart testing taken as a grade.
 - Parent would like to observe in the classroom. At this time parents can shadow their students if it is necessary for discipline. But parents are not allowed to come and observe teachers.
 - Cluster 4 plan shared by parent. Parent stressed that we must look at total package of student (home life, socio-economic). We need to build relationships with sub groups.
 - Anything PTA can do for teachers? Not at this time. Trying to get teachers to work in collaboration. Looking at setting up a remediation program during Flex and after school. If student has a C or lower must go to remediation

during Session A, before going to club. Discussion of having WPHS students coming to CSMS to work as tutors.

- Meeting adjourned: 8:20. Next PTA meeting will be on December 16th, 2010.