

Holmes PTA Meeting

May 28, 2009

Present: Cathy Farman, Rachel Aptekar, Alette Farrell, Jan Blumenfeld, Christina Dicker, Rob Egel, Leslie Hunter, Sally Albertson, Shelley Bronzan, Paul Rooney, Joanna Littell, Ashley Nelson, Heather Wade, Sandra Schickele, Iben Wilson, Carolee Gregg, Leslie Chuck, Jennifer Raven, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Derek Brothers

I. Meeting called to order

- ◆ Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Library

II. Minutes from April 2009 PTA meetings

- ◆ Carolee Gregg moved to approve the minutes from the April 2009 PTA meeting; Iben Wilson seconded.

III. P.E. Department – Paul Rooney

- ◆ Thanked the PTA for assistance with the helping hands program, 9th grade PE field trip, uniforms and more and added that he expects the need to increase.
- ◆ Commended Heather Wade for her intramural lunchtime sports programs.
- ◆ Discussed the results of the yearly fitness tests.

IV. Teacher's Report – Heather Wade

- ◆ Thanked the PTA for everything they did this year and presented Cathy Farman with a trophy from the foreign language department for her work on International Day and more.

V. Counselor's Report – Ashley Nelson

- ◆ Reported that the counselors are working with students at risk of failing.
- ◆ Reported that the staffing in the counseling department will almost certainly be less next year than this year.

VI. Principal's Report – Derek Brothers

- ◆ Reported that he expected most teachers would return and the vice principal position has been restored to full-time. But Holmes will lose .5 secretary and .5 night-time custodian.
- ◆ Reported that enrollment for 2009-2010 is higher than expected (740).
- ◆ June 5 is Day on the Green; June 6 is the Honor Society field trip; June 9 is the honors celebration for ninth graders. Locker clean-up is the last week of school.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Jennifer Raven

- ◆ Jennifer moved to accept the profit and loss statement for May 2009. Carolee Gregg seconds. Motion approved.

VIII. Garden Report – Pam Lehnert

- ◆ Reported on garden activity and accomplishments for the year; she'll return next year to take care of the rose hill; relandscaped "mud hole" still a work in progress.

- IX. **9th Grade Party** – *Leslie Hunter*
- ◆ Leslie reported that no parents stepped up to organize an end-of-year party for the ninth graders. They will have an ice cream social on June 9, along with yearbook signing, recognitions, awards and student speakers.
- X. **Teacher Appreciation** – *Sally Albertson*
- ◆ Sally reported Teacher Appreciation Week went well despite originally being cancelled due to swine flu. Requested help with set-up, clean-up and serving at the June teacher luncheon.
- XI. **Historian's Report** – *Jan Blumenfeld*
- ◆ Jan reported that hours of volunteer work were tallied for the year, but almost certainly undercounted. Incoming historian Rachel Aptekar suggested event organizers keep track of who helps for each event and record their hours.
- XII. **President's Report** – *Cathy Farman*
- ◆ Cathy passed out certificates of recognition to various PTA executive board members and volunteers, as well as "Swinie Awards" to a select few who organized International Day, Civil War Day, Teacher Appreciation Week, etc., only to have them cancelled due to swine flu, then reinstated for lack of swine flu and still pulled them off without a hitch.
- XIII. **Meeting adjourned** at 8:30 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary