

P.T.S.A. Meeting

October 10, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:40

Minutes of the September meeting approved

President's Report

- Update on Board Positions. No one has come forward to assume the duties and responsibilities as President, so Pat Burton and Annette Bedrosian will be Co Presidents and retain their positions of Vice President and Secretary. If someone comes forward during the year, this position can be revisited. Toni LaBella, student, has agreed to take over Membership. Pat reported that we needed a count for the membership to send it to State PTA. Toni has given the teacher membership forms and is beginning to get some responses.
- Ms. Buckley approached Pat and Annette at Open House to talk with us about the Peace Happiness and Serenity, PHS, gardens. She is very excited about getting this started and has received a \$2500 grant. There was some discussion about the gardens and what they will be like.
- The reflections program is ready to begin. We need a parent to coordinate this program. This is a national program offered at all levels, elementary, middle, and high school. Students complete the project at home, there are specific guidelines and students can compete at the regional and national levels. The person who coordinates this project would need to be sure that deadlines are met and that the proper paperwork is submitted. These projects will be displayed at city hall. The theme this year is "I can make a difference by.....". Mr. Mullen stated he would check with a few students he knows will be interested.

Principal's Report

- NECAP 3 days in October, 10/2, 10/4, & /10, writing, reading and math. Attendance was good this year, only a few students need to make up the test. All students must take these tests, they will need them to graduate. PSAT's for sophomores and juniors, Wed, 10/10. On that day, freshman and seniors do not have to be in school until 10:24. Seniors will go to the auditorium to discuss senior projects, freshman to the cafeteria to meet with guidance. Parents discussed that there is no information under the guidance section on the web site and parents are looking for information about colleges, scholarships etc.
- Mr. Mullen reminded parents they can contact teachers via email.
- Spirit week went well, it was uneventful

Principal's Report Continued

- Blood Drive was held school had an excellent turnout as always. Pilgrim is always in the top 3.
- Graduation by Proficiency is moving along. Only missing approximately 15 proposals.
- Students will begin to get the approval after 10/15. Mrs. Massey will be emailing students with any concerns.
- Discussion held about the accreditation. The work began and is moving right along. A binder is due to the RI Department of Education, by November 1. The school was behind but we are up to date and doing well. There are 5 elements that are judged this has been an enormous task but everyone has worked very hard.
- School clubs are up and running.

- **Key Dates**

Student faculty Football game, on 10/6 at 11

PSAT's

Underclass pictures on 10/15 for the yearbook

Freshman elections will be held on 10/24

Dance to be held on 10/27, Gay Straight Alliance to sponsor

10/30 Senior Class Assembly for Halloween

11/3 SAT's at Warwick Vets

11/14 make up pictures

Treasurer's Report

- \$50 Check for the teacher's breakfast from last school year has still not been cashed.
- Currently we have \$455.65

Old Business

None

New Business

- A discussion was held about Founders Night. This is an event that is held in other schools. This is an event that honors loved ones of students who have passed away by having a book donated in their memory to the school library. The book usually depicts something about the person. Mr. Mullen will discuss with librarian, this is typically held in the spring.

**Next meeting will be held on November 8 at 6:30
in the library conference room all our welcomed.**