

MINUTES
PTSA General Meeting
September 9, 2008
7:00 PM at Hazelwood School

Principal's Report:

Principal Addis welcomed everyone in attendance. Ms. Addis informed us that attendance has grown at Hazelwood. There are currently around 500 students. There are still some classroom adjustments to make in the coming week to accommodate the new additions to Hazelwood. There is a new program being implemented called Positive Action. Positive Action is a character-building program highlighting the idea of self-concept. There will be a kick off assembly to introduce Positive Action to the student body on 9/15. The new big toy for the existing playground will be installed beginning on 10/13, Ms. Addis thanked PTSA for it's contribution. Installation should take up to a week and a half. Parent Orientation Night will occur on 9/16. Ms. Addis expressed her excitement for the 08/09 school year.

Secretary's Report:

Brittany Talbert noted that quorum was met. All in attendance reviewed the 6/10/08 general minutes and the minutes were accepted as written. The 08/09 Standing Rules were accepted with one change, Rule 29 that allowed for electronic or proxy voting was removed. Rule 29 was in conflict with the Washington State PTA Bylaws, which states, "Absentee, mail-in or proxy ballots are prohibited," Article 5, Section 10, Item E.

President's Report:

President Christie LeBar introduced the 08/09 Executive Committee and welcomed all new members in attendance. Ms. LeBar encouraged and asked all committee chairs to attend Curriculum Night and to be available to answer any questions regarding their specific committees. Tables with volunteer lists and information will be up during Curriculum Night to promote various committees and volunteer opportunities. Volunteers are needed for Picture Day on 9/24. Ms. LeBar highlighted the new website and encouraged everyone to use it as the "go to" source for upcoming events, forms, PTA information, etc. Ms. LeBar notified everyone that PTA plans to "go green." Future newsletters and event flyers will be sent electronically. Only those who wish to receive hard copies will be provided with such. This will eliminate extra work for teachers, PTA volunteers and costs. Everyone was supportive of the idea and Ms. LeBar hopes to fully implement this plan by January 09'.

Treasurer's Report:

Treasurer Dirk Manson presented the July 08' and August 08' budget. A motion was made by the floor to accept the 7/08 and 8/08 budgets, the motion was seconded and the budget was accepted. Mr. Manson informed everyone that the State PTA Financial Audit was conducted. The audit committee consisted of himself, Gretchen Paletta and Brittany Talbert and there were no findings in last years budget. Deposit forms and check request forms are available on the website or downstairs in the PTA office. For those that are having trouble filling out the forms, please ask your liaison or the treasurer for help. Mr. Manson plans to pick up request forms on Wednesday and process them by the following Wednesday.

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Vice President's Report:

Julie Brunnings stated PTSA membership is currently at 183. Latte morning will be on September 17th from 8 to 9:30am. There is a bulletin board on display that shows what PTSA contributes to the school and the programs and events it puts on. The Carnival/Dance will occur on 10/24 and will have a Harvest theme. Children can come dressed in their costumes. A Chair is needed for Pancake Breakfast, Hospitality and Emergency Prep.

Nancy Ishigaki thanked the First Week of School Committee and congratulated Lisa on a job well done. Reading Express is still in need of Chairs.

Erica Floyd informed those in attendance that the Fun Run, which will occur on 9/26, needs volunteers to help with lap cards, distributing water and pretzels, etc. There will be a kid mail flyer for Fun Run coming out on Friday 9/12. Community Service Committee has fulfilled all the school-supply needs for the kids in need at Hazelwood. There will be a food drive for Thanksgiving meals and a donation box available at the dance. Talent Show will occur on the 14th of November. Kids won't be turned away. Each one will get the chance to be celebrated. The Talent Show will be hosted at the Ikea Performing Arts Center and each child will get roughly 2.5 minutes to perform. A call for volunteers for yearbook was made. Volunteers were encouraged to sign up as classroom and/or event photographers. The yearbook this year will be entirely in color. School Savings will start on Tuesday October 2nd.

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Brittany Talbert, Secretary.