

## **F.E. Peacock Middle School P.T.O. Minutes of January 5, 2010**

Olga Cruickshank, P.T.O. President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

We started with introductions.

Our faculty representatives were Dr. Nickisch, Dr. Marcia Tornatore, Sandy Bernahl, school nurse Renee Reggio. Present PTO representatives: Olga Cruickshank President and Beth Rodriguez Treasurer. Our school board members: Leslie Dyra, Kathy Miller, Dan Kolar, Valerie Hogan, Debbie Pawinski, and Charles Sprandel. Parents of the P.T.O.: Denise Butler, Denise Glennon, Kim Leider, Cheryl Parker, Cheryl Pigott, Yulinda Meccia, and Lisa Sgarbossa.

### **Minutes**

The minutes of the October 6, 2009 were read. A correction was noted by Denise Glennon in regards to hot lunch. The change in March is there is only one hot lunch. We have taken two dates for March off the calendar. March 16 is the only hot lunch date in March. Cheryl Parker made a motion to approve the minutes, and Yulinda Meccia seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

### **Principal's Report** - Dr. Nickisch

We will be communicating to parents through the school's web site instead of mailing out information to the students and parents. We are now posting everything to the web site. The science fair is on Feb. 6. Credit is given to each student but you must have an experiment to be able to be awarded the Golden Test Tube. Lake Park students will be talking to Peacock students. Graduation pictures are on Jan 20th. These pictures are a keepsake and students should dress appropriately. Girls will have a white gown and boys a blue gown for pictures. Boys should wear a nice shirt and tie which shows under the gown. In March a graduation committee will be formed. Our next awards ceremony will be on Feb. 2nd at 8:10am at Peacock.

### **Superintendent's Report** - Dr. Tornatore

The budget meetings have been very well attended. The budget and curriculum have been keeping everyone very busy at this time.  
Open to Questions. None.

### **School Board** - Valerie Hogan, President

Call to order. Valerie Hogan President, Leslie Dryra Vice President, Kathy Miller Secretary, Dan Kolar, Debbie Pawinski, and Charles Sprandel.  
Performances regarding District 10: Peacock overall 90% AYP ISATS and all the sub-groups are meeting at 90% AYP. Discipline issues are down. Cross Country placed second in Oct. and the Peacock cheerleaders did very well. We are very proud of our district. RTI (Response To Intervention) is a new assessment, no dollars are provided, it helps specialize instruction towards student's needs. We will test a twice a year for mid-course correction with an option for another. One challenge is rising enrollment. There is a PMA group to analyze where projections can go. We have added Franzen hallways. Budget is coming up. CPI is very low and money coming in is \$300 to \$400 thousand dollars less for this year's budget. We will be checking on the CPI which is due out in about a month. We had .1% last year and need 5%. We have four different budget cut options and are checking with the community to get input. The budget is due in June but there is flexibility to August. Yulinda Meccia asked about a District 10 referendum. Valerie Hogan said there are mixed responses on that option. Dan Kolar states that we have all benefited from the schools and we are looking to protect our students and working with the numbers. The next school board meeting is 7:00pm on Thursday at the District office if any one can come. Dr. Tornatore stated that this month's vote is to give direction to the Superintendent. Kathy Miller

said we have a finance committee looking at the budget. .We have several people on the committee who are in finance. The committee includes Kevin Thaker, Susan Sampson, Lynn Saner, Jim Bergman, and Mark Saner. It is led by Kathy Miller and looks at reports as a finance committee, not a board or a sub-committee. Renee Reggio asks how long it takes to get results from the new testing. RTI will be given in fall and spring with an option for a third test. The results are received almost immediately. RTI Assessments take 45 minutes per subject. Dr. Tornatore says testing takes a day or two, but no waiting 6 weeks for results. Results show how things are going on a daily basis and the teachers have the data. Dr. Nickisch: There is no more Think Link it has changed its name to Discovery Assessment. The test is taken on a computer or can be printed out and give out for the teachers to put in the information. It will taken in the computer lab. The fall testing is on the calendar. Information will be posted on the web site. Testing starts Jan.19th each grade level will be set up for a week. Jan. and Feb. testing will be a good predictor of how we will do on the ISAT. Students like the testing as well. Dr. Tornatore says if parents would like paper information rather than visiting the website it will be mailed if parents put in a request. Dr. Tornatore says we are trying to manage the e-mail accounts. The phone messaging system is working well. Cheryl Pigott said if you have an answering machine the beginning of the message is cut off. Olga asks if latex balloons are allowed in schools. Dr. Tornatore says it is a procedure and she can decide to not have any latex allowed in the schools. Renee Riggio says most schools do not allow latex balloons due to the high number of kids with allergies. Board members can be e-mailed; their e-mail address in on the website. Board members were thanked for coming and excused during a two-minute break.

#### **Teacher's Requests** - Olga

Mrs. Tinson requested \$205 for a field trip in Feb. It was approved. Mr. Larsen requested \$100 for career day, approved. Mr. Travis requested \$500 for the musical which is Alice in Wonderland. We must vote since it is over the budgeted amount. Beth Rodriguez made a motion to approve and Yulinda Meccia second the motion. Jan. 19th is the talent show, Mrs. Riley request \$50 for prizes, under club incentives, approved. Media Center: Sandy Bernahl requested \$300 for new books. We must vote since it is over the budgeted amount. Yulinda Meccia made a motion to pass and Cheryl Parker seconded the motion. Beth Rodriguez reviewed the budget. Sweats and Tees are now in the school store to sell. Olga said she would like the PTO to give two \$500 Lake Park Scholarships. Motion to approve, Yulinda Meccia and Kim Leider seconded the motion.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Hot Lunch** - Denise Glennon and Cheryl Pigott

Everything went great today. I would like to send a special thank you to Cathie Kennedy and her husband for the shelves in the PTO closet. I would like to motion to get a gift card for them. Beth Rodriguez says she has two \$20 gift cards from Buona Beef. Olga asks her to send a thank you and gift card out to them with the Buona gift cards. Cheryl asks if we ware still able to send out hot lunch order forms with the advisors, to go home with the students. Dr. Nickisch said yes and we can post it to the web site. We can also send out a 30-second message on the phone messaging system saying to look for it on the web site. We can also send it out with report cards. Beth Rodriguez offered to send out an email blast.

##### **Dances** - Beth Rodriguez

We have had two dances so far. Only 98 students attended due to many other events scheduled in town that evening. The second on 12/18 we had 146 which was a good number. We also received a lot of box tops. Denise Glennon will be taking over the dances next year and Laurie Nicolella will be in charge of the concessions again next year.

**Target** - Cathie Kennedy (Reported by Olga)

Total received \$222.

### **Benefit Nights** - Cheryl Parker

On Jan. 14 we will be at Fuddruckers after a home basket ball game. The benefit nights are low this year. Kim Leider suggested Jewel shop and share days.

Yulinda Meccia asked about pizza at white cottage. Cheryl is trying to get a pizza week benefit going but so far only Whit Cottage has agreed. Other suggestions are Casale's, Tree Guy's, Abattie, and Uncle Pete's. She is working on the pizza benefit and looking into other ways of fundraising.

### **Lake Park Scholarship** - Yulinda Meccia

Deadline is March 18th for the scholarship.

### **Science Fair** - committee open

We are looking for some one to chair this event. We would like to sell donuts, coffee, and juice at the science fair. We will be working with 7-11, who is providing us with the items to sell. Olga will be there all day and we just need someone who can be in charge.

### **Spring Fundraiser**

We used Fanny Mae Candy before and made \$2,000. Last year we used another company and only made a profit of \$212. We are look for suggestions for fundraising. Kim Leider says to have a family fundraising fee of \$50 or \$ 100 or a donation of any amount instead of having all the different fundraisers. Dr. Nickisch stated that the towel fee will be removed next year. Beth suggested increasing the PTO dues next year. Cheryl Parker suggested to offer different member levels of family donations. Lake Park Booster had a Texas Hold'em game. Gambling is not a good idea when children are involved. Olga suggests a new idea from the Elk Grove Movie Theater. If we sell 75 tickets we can have a first run movie all to ourselves. It would be on a school day off and it would be for our school only. We would make \$2.50 per ticket. You would get the movie, popcorn and drink for \$12. We could open it up for friends and family of the students. We would need to sell tickets in advance and it would be exclusive to Peacock. Jan day is soon and there is another District 10 event (IEPTO Ice Skating) that would conflict with this date. The next days off are 2/15, 2/26, and 3/1. Olga will check to see what movies they have for those days. A new release that kids would like to see would be good.

### **PTO Board Openings**

Beth Rodriguez is leaving as Treasurer next year. Anne Larson is coming back and has offered to be Treasurer. Terri Kovach has put in two years and her term limit will be up at the end of this year. We are looking for a Secretary for next school year.

Adjourned at 8:32 pm

Denise Glennon