

Frost Middle School PTSA Meeting
Minutes: September 13, 2011

1. Welcome- Karen Snyder, PTA President.
PTSA is important because the organization helps create memories for our children. We need strong membership (a lot of members) to provide the muscle to do the work.
2. Review and approval of minutes from August PTSA board meeting. Suzanne Messing made a motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by Susan Schreck. The motion (voice vote) carried.
3. Nominations and vote to fill two PTSA VP positions
 - a. **There was a motion (Suzanne Messing) to elect Deborah Altman as 2nd VP (2nd by Susan Schreck). The motion carried (voice vote).**
 - b. **There was a motion (Suzanne Messing) to elect Amy Barrett as 1st VP (2nd by Susan Schreck). The motion carried (voice vote).**
4. Discussion and approval of 2011-2012 PTSA budget- Cathryn Chang, Treasurer
The following items were discussed regarding the budget
 - a. The \$5000 for “school support” includes speakers for special assemblies. We cannot allocate specific amounts for each semester because the amount varies for different speakers.
 - b. The \$3500 for “dances” includes 4 dances or fun nights plus a special 8th grade event. The dances and fun nights are being modified this year, based on feedback last year.
 - c. Spiritwear- Based on discussion at the meeting, the \$12,400 line item was split into a \$12,048 Spiritwear item and a subitem of \$352 for “student recognition” awards. Forty-four \$8 shirts will be purchased to use for student recognition for events such as the Geo Bee and Spelling Bee.

There was a motion (Susan Schreck, 2nd by Deborah Altman) to approve the budget presented at the meeting. The motion carried (voice vote).
5. Committee reports
 - a. Spiritwear- Susan Schreck
 - i. At back to school night plus the first 3 days of school, we sold \$4000 of Spiritwear.
 - ii. We may order some winter items- share any ideas with Susan
 - iii. The staff would like a short sleeve, navy, collared shirt for the 40th anniversary. We may also order a special 40th anniversary shirt for students.
 - iv. We may add some non-clothing items, such as grocery bags and magnets.
 - b. Membership- Judi Halperin
 - i. Current membership- 342 adults plus some students.
 - ii. For some families only the student joined. Those families will be informed that an adult must join the PTSA for the family to receive a directory. Only adults can vote at PTSA meetings. Student members get free admission at fun nights.

- iii. Approximately 1/3 of families have joined the PTSA. It is important to have much higher participation. Ideas: 2nd membership drive; make sure parents understand how the PTSA contributes to the school; school can send Connect Ed message about PTSA; make sure parents understand that the list serve will not send messages to PTSA non-members after mid October. *(Post meeting note: The list serve policy changed after the PTSA meeting. Non-members will continue to receive the full messages. However, their messages will include reminders to join PTSA.)*
 - c. Fun Nights- Lisa Denison, Executive VP (Discussed during budget discussion, no additional discussion)
 - d. 40 year celebration- Alex Hazlett
 - i. The big celebration is March 8th (will coordinate with academic arts fair and book fair). Volunteers are needed
 - ii. There will be small events each month, such as a fun run and “remember when”.
 - e. Volunteer coordinator- Suzanne Messing
 - i. Need help for dances and the bookfair
 - ii. If individuals volunteer to help in a specific (or general) area- they need to be called and acknowledged, so they know that they are needed.
- 6. Principal’s Report- Dr. Joey Jones
 - a. Dr. Jones provided a handout entitled “Visionary Plans for the Next Dimension of Excellence”
 - b. Frost met AYP, with 97% of students proficient or advanced in reading and 95% proficient or advanced in math.
 - c. A focus this year- eliminate the teaching/learning gap (includes equitable classroom practices and rigorous instruction, to make sure all students learn to their full potential)
 - d. Frost is strengthening the TV production program that was implemented last year. At some point Frost may offer a class on this topic.
 - e. Plans are underway for an outdoor multi-purpose room (picture included on the handout). Frost may partner with Home Depot for this project. Discussion at PTSA meeting- PTSA should form a committee to secure grants for this project. Alex Hazlett agreed to chair the committee.
 - f. Wootton Cluster is implementing four “no homework days” this school year- October 28, January 20, March 29, and May 25. The effort is intended to help reduce stress and to encourage family activities.
 - g. October 4-9 Frost will host visitors (14 students and 4 adults) from Beijing #5 Middle School.
- 7. New Business- none

The meeting adjourned at 9:25 pm.

Kellie Schoolar Reynolds
Recording Secretary