

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – SEPTEMBER 17, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford. Everyone introduced themselves

Secretary – The May minutes were approved as written with one name correction Donna Voneiff

Treasurer - \$27,373.60 is the total income. It was approved. So far \$22,612.00 has been collected for dues and directories. In addition, directory advertising has brought in \$4,750.00. Nancy reported that Dollar for Scholars has a maximum lifetime cap of \$4500. There is really no benefit to PTO. This topic will be addressed in the future.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. She also gave a special thank you gift to Barb Bencur and Kay Gallo for all of their hard work in setting up volunteers for different events. In addition, she gave Donna Voneiff and Cindy McCabe a gift certificate of thanks for working so hard on completing the Directory. Sign-up sheets were passed around to help on a Focus group scheduled for October 9, 2007

Vice President/ Communication – Darla discussed the website. PTO and the school are trying to improve communication with the Hinsdale Central Community. She discussed using I-Contract on a monthly basis until the school's website is up and working. A motion was made to approve a \$49/ month charge to use I-contract to communicate with the parents. The motion was approved.

Directory – Eight-hundred (800) online orders have been submitted thus far; still receiving forms in the mail.

Advertising: Twenty (20) pages of ads are being put in the Directory. \$4,800 in income has been received.

Teacher Appreciation – New Committee for the general morale of Teachers was approved. The purpose of the committee is to “Just Say Thanks” to all the teachers in the building. The morale has been low and we want to make sure the teachers feel appreciated. Committee is developing the ideas. One idea is the “Wall of Acknowledgement” like the rock at Northwestern. The program would be based on student recommendations. A Teacher Appreciation Week is also a possibility.

Holiday Breakfast – Tina Anderson explained what is involved with Holiday Breakfast. The date of the breakfast is December 20, 2007. She sent around a sign-up sheet.

Book Grant – Carol Wroble explained Book Grants. We discussed a student now requesting her book grant of \$800 from 2005. A motion was made and approved that the Book Grants Committee will have the authority to make decisions on a case by case basis.

Newsletter – Laura Snedeker stated that the 15th of every month is the deadline for submittal of information for the newsletter.

Social – Nothing to report until the Spring. The date for 8th grade coffee is May 8, 2008.

Character Counts- Laurita Panagoulas explained the job description of her committee.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry asked that people bring and safety issues to her attention. Things have improved, but there is more work to be done.

All American Read Week - Charmaine explained that Myles Laffy was organizing some wonderful events that will occur in the fall.

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti explained her committee - ¼ nominations from Parents, Student and Teachers.

Publicity – Karen Baiocchi and Liz Musch introduced themselves

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Annette McClain could not be at the meeting. Lisa read a letter from Annette. She stated that Eric Mueller would be the speaker on September 27 at 6:30 in the Community Room. The speaker for October 18 is Char Wenc. This meeting will also be in the Community Room at 6:30. She requested that the PTO fund a part of the speaker fee. This amount would be \$125. We agreed to release the funds if she needs it. Jeanne Osgood also stated that HMS is having an excellent speaker on January 30, 2008.

Freshman Parent Circles – Sandi Arenberg reported that invitations will be sent out for the parties that are scheduled for the month of October.

Class Representatives- The parent representative acts like a sounding board for the class board. Paula had no report. Kathy Andrews, senior class representative, has no report.

Middle School Representative:

Butler: No report

CHMS: New Principal; 800 students; parent portal is up and running

HMS: New Principal; parent portal up and running

Westview: New Principal; Apple award

Saint Isaac Jogues: Homecoming coming up on September 23, eighth grade parent meeting at my house on September 17th; working on making some major changes.

New Business: None

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m. for Nick Wahl's presentation, Student Support Service Team and Kevin Pobst

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. New Member Rajda Cushman was introduced. Sandi Arenberg and Darla Highley received the PAT award.

Lisa also asked that we let the teachers know that they are appreciated. In addition, she let everyone know about PEP (Parents' Empowering Parents) will be in the Community Room on October 18 for speaker Char Wenc. She will be discussing "Are we having fun yet? Next Lisa introduced Brittany Talamonti and Kevin Quick. They talked about Teachers In Need and asked for \$1000 and the front cover of the directory.

Secretary- The September minutes were approved. Mary Buddig spoke about Teachers In Need as well as the Focus Group with Nick Wahl.

Treasurer – \$15,533.45 is the total income. Expenses totaled \$9,343.71. Balance of funds is \$68,502.12. Directory advertising covered 70% of the printing cost.

Vice President/ Communication – Verified if everyone was getting their email communications. Website will facilitate communication. Darla needs help on the PTO website and was going to ask Kay Gallo. Letterhead for our stationery may get a new look. Email Dr. Carlson if you're interested in helping with technology.

Directory – Clarendon Hills' residence had not received directories. The committee was looking into this.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio announced SSS (Students Staff Spirit) this is a teacher appreciation award generated by students.

Freshman Parent Circles – Sandi Arenberg encouraged people to go to the parties and represent the PTO.

Holiday Breakfast – Sign-up was being passed around.

School Board Liaison: Sue Pircon was not present but Mary Buddig read her report. Final bids were due the night of October 15th. If the bids come in higher, the board will discuss the option of filling in the shortfall. Let everyone know about the surveys that will be going out to the community and the importance of filling them out and getting them back to the administration. Class Rank meeting will be in the little theater at Hinsdale South on October 22. The Teachers Association would like to be a part of the Parent Teacher Organization. Finally, we would like to become more cohesive with South. They do not have a PTO, but they do have a boosters which is like our PTO

Book Grant – Carol Wroble announced that book grant was ahead of budget; 19 book grants all but 4 have been awarded; Four thank you; ahead of donations \$8260. Need to analyze is the yellow page in the directory actually brings in money to the Book Grant committee. Committee looks at all requests in a case by case manner; the Book Grant committee is surveying guidance. Guidance is the most effective way to determine which students are in need. Carol also spoke about the guidance department; there are internal reviews being done as well as an external comparison: 4 to 8 comparable schools are being looked at by counselors, parents and

students. They are collecting data. The review committee along with Kevin will look at everything and make some recommendations to improve the guidance department. New guidance chair will then be recruited. Teri Edwards questioned whether guidance should look at some other schools than those scheduled.

Newsletter – Deadlines were discussed. In addition, it was determined that we would still have our page in the newsletter even though a PTO website is being constructed.

Social – Nothing to report until the spring. The date for 8th grade coffee is May 8, 2008. Barb Bencur and Kristen Klebenow were added to the committee.

Character Counts- Laurita Panagoulas reported that we will be highlighted by California's Main Organization.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry reported that speed bumps were being installed in the teachers' parking lot; security cameras were in place; Procedures for security were in a District manual; better communication will help with safety in our school.

All American Read Week – October 17th Periods 7, 9, 10

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti reported that nominations were due October 23rd; they would be chosen on October 24th. The awards would be given on October 25th.

Publicity – No report; Will put information in about Character Counts National award.

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Annette McClain could not be at the meeting. The speaker for October 18 is Char Wenc. This meeting will also be in the Community Room at 6:30.

Volunteers - 14 people volunteered to read the PLAN test; 29 volunteered for Homecoming Dance. There are 163 volunteers available for different things.

Class Representatives- juniors sold foam fingers; junior girls won the powder puff football game.

Middle School Representative: No reports

New Business: Voting on TIN proposal in November

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – November 26, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. New member Peggy Lindsley was introduced. PAT Award was given to Charmaine Crane and Joanne Cascio for attaining Starbucks for the teachers at parent teachers Conferences. Also Kay Gallo received one for donating a computer to a needy family.

Secretary- The October minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Nancy stated that there is additional income of \$198.13. Book Grants are all paid out. A \$100 gift was given to a scholarship fund for Donna Orloff's children after the death of her husband. She has applied for the additional \$2000 grant with NICOR. Ultra food will give 5% of proceeds to PTO when you shop at the store: one on 75th and one on Roosevelt Road. Calculators: Carol Bobo asked us to pay for 12 calculators. We voted to pay for 6 calculators or a total of \$600. There is \$250 remaining in the student relief fund.

Vice President/ Communication – Darla discussed the weekly news blast at the school. We decided that we would all still like to hear from Kevin Pobst once a month. Darla is working on the new website and on new letterhead. Our new logo is: "Where Excellence is Central." Darla introduced Joni Holinger's idea of "School Pop" information. We are going to address this in January.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio announced that her committee is working on a birthday club for the teachers. A questionnaire with fun questions will be given to the teacher and then the information will hang on the door. June and July birthdays will be celebrated in May and August birthdays will be celebrated in September.

Freshman Parent Circles – No report. Parties were a success.

Holiday Breakfast – Tina reported that the breakfast will be December 20, 2007 in the Community Room. Notes will be going out with everyone's duties. She asked for a \$20 donation to cover the cost of the egg casseroles. Volunteers will be at the doors between 5:30 – 6 collecting all the delivered items.

School Board Liaison: Sue Pircon stated that class rank will be voted on probably on December 3rd. Please keep sending emails to the board. Please watch and comment to the school board regarding the taping of the meetings. This is very important that the board knows that we want to see the meetings. Any emails that you send to the Board please cc Nick Wahl and Kevin Pobst.

Book Grant – Carol Wroble had nothing to say.

Newsletter – Deadline is November 26th.

Social –Thank you to Kristen Klebenow for the food; Robin for the water and Mary for coffee. Nothing else to add at this time.

Character Counts- Did not get to at the meeting.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry reported that the lock-down occurred and that everything else was going “smoothly.”

All American Read Week – Nothing

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti had nothing to report at this time.

Publicity – No report;

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Jean Osgood announced that James Garbarino, PhD. will speak on the Topic: “Helping Children Thrive in a Society Challenging Environment” Jan. 30 at the Community House 7 P.M.

Volunteers - Nothing

Class Representatives – No reports given

Middle School Representative: No reports

New Business: Voted on **TIN proposal** for \$1000 and the inside cover of the directory. Motion made by Jean Osgood; 2nd by Karen Altergott. The motion passed.

Boosters: Peggy Morgan and Bob Franke spoke to the board about the March 9th fundraising brunch. They discussed the needs for the event from auction items to committee positions.

Lisa discussed a new liaison committee that we would like to formulate with the Social Workers and Guidance and PTO. Kristen Klebenow and Joni Holinger would like to spearhead this committee.

Finally we discussed Dream Dinners 75th and Lemont Road, Downers Grove; need to assemble 36 servings a month. Then \$10 would go to PTO. We will discuss this again in January

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – January 28, 2008

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Paula and Lisa discussed meeting with Kevin Pobst. **PAT ON THE BACK:** Joni and Darla; Carol Wroble for guidance and book grant; Tina Anderson for Holiday Breakfast.

Guidance Update: Down to 7;

Parents representing us: Carol Wroble and Elaine Moore;

Teacher representatives attended our meeting: Pam Kalufut; Ed Services

Secretary- The November minutes were approved.

Treasurer – Holiday breakfast –under budget; Nicor – dollars for Scholars- \$1000 came; \$4,500 has been received. There is an Annual Fee of \$300 a year

Vice President/ Communication – website is completed. There is a fee of \$170 a year fee. There is room to put pictures on the website; Joni Hollinger was responsible for editing, etc.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio announced that her committee is working on a birthday club for the teachers. A questionnaire with fun questions will be given to the teacher and then the information will hang on the door. June and July birthdays will be celebrated in May and August birthdays will be celebrated in September.

Holiday Breakfast – Holiday Breakfast ran smoothly; the teachers and staff were so thankful. Great job Tina and her committee.

School Board Liaison: The group was told about the surveys that are being sent out from the school board. Joni Hollinger has put together a wish list for Hinsdale Central and Hinsdale South. We need everyone to fill out the surveys. The board is only going to address the issues that are seen as a necessity in the survey.

All American Read Week: Library staff is handling everything.

Safety & Bylaws: meeting next week

Character Counts: Hinsdale Central has been named the best in the nation.

Make A Difference:

2nd Quarter winners: Bronke, Horan, Laux, Marcelis, McCloud, Joann (security)

Marcy would like to order Pins and Folders for certificates. Motion was made and passed.

Book Grant – Working with Guidance to get a better representation of students in need. Carol would like to bring one of the students back to speak to our group.

Newsletter – Need reports; can put as much information as we want in the newsletter

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – No report

Social –Thank you to Kristen Klebenow for the food; Robin for the water and Mary for coffee. Nothing else to add at this time.

Publicity – No report;

Volunteers – Help from volunteers with Vision and Hearing; 8th grade test
Doing a great job.

8th grade Coffee: May 8; planning has begun

Class Representatives –

Junior: Paula goes to meetings if needed

Senior: No report

Middle School Representative:

Butler: nothing

CHMS: Feb 19: internet safety meeting

HMS: nothing

SIJ: Play Feb. 21 and Auction: Feb. 9

Westview: nothing

New Business:

Family Support Committee: PTO /Social Work Group and any other group that needs assistance with students; we voted in favor to establish this new committee

Fundraiser: Dream Dinners – will be discussed further at our next meeting.

John Rayis spoke to the PTO about trying to actively get a fundraising group together within PTO We discussed that this was not allowed in our By-laws at this time. We would have to redo the bylaws.; The boosters has always been the fundraising arm of the school. We will address issue at next meeting

Ann Kanter spoke to us about the Post Prom; 2 boats with a buffet and DJ; groups of 50; written in contract that there is a penalty if the dispatcher does not get the buses back to school. The post prom group has asked for \$2000. We are budgeted to give them \$1500. We need to vote at the next to increase the amount by \$500.

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Have a good day,

Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – February 25 2008

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. Teachers and Adm that attended meeting were Mrs. Pam Kalafut and Mr. Victor Varsberg. Read a thank you letter from Skip Begley; there will be a Naviance training session the day of Parent -Teacher Conferences; Mary Kate Doyle is coming to speak during Conversation with Kevin Pobst; Gayle Brankin is retiring after this year.

Lisa asked for a motion to approve paying Amy Hucek for the PTO logo. A motion was made to pay Amy Hucek \$250 for the logo and the motion was approved.

PAT On the Back was given the Laurie McMahon for typing the bylaws for the website.

Need to vote on Post Proms request for a \$500 increase. We decided as a group to keep it at \$1500.

Secretary- The January minutes were approved with two corrections.

Treasurer – see report ;

Vice President/ Communication – website is completed. Darla asked for approval to pay her \$200 for the website. The motion to pay the fee was approved. If anyone has any interest in taking over the website, call or email Darla. Darla is reviewing the form for Make A Difference. Also, there was a suggestion to put a link on the Hinsdale Central website for the PTO's website

Guidance: Carol Wroble stated that the Guidance Process starts again on Feb. 26, 2008. If anyone has any suggestions, please email Carol at cswroble@comcast.net

Some suggestions given during the meeting:

Parents: Calls, customer standards, emails, expectations

Counselor: how to protect them from badgering parents

Send out a checklist from guidance about what needs to be done for students in Ed Services.

Guidance is really lacking in this area.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio was unable to make meeting; Lisa reported that everyone should look on the website and find out when your student's teachers' birthday are and send a note.

May 5-9 is Teacher's Appreciation Week; Have something on the sign outside: "We love our Teachers." Mrs. Kalafut said that the atmosphere has improved greatly; we must keep working together. It was suggested that Mr. Pobst send out an email to the students about Teacher Appreciation Week.

Holiday Breakfast – Holiday Breakfast great job

School Board Liaison: Everyone must fill out the surveys. Talk to your graduates and friends to get the word out.

All American Read Week: Vicki Bush-Joseph and Karen Altergott are working with the Kathy Krepps and Myles Laffey; In honor of Dr. Seuss's birthday, the library is having some of the cast from Seussical perform. The library is asking us to underwrite the books at a cost of \$219. A motion was made to pay the cost out of the general fund. The motion was approved.

They are also asking us to help with a Coffee on April 18th from 7-9. The social committee will work with Vicki and Karen to get this done.

Safety & Bylaws: Discusses the drop-off; the cross walks; an over-pass was denied because of cost and logistics.

Character Counts: Laurita asked for the \$500 budget for Aspire Breakfast. She will be contacting Kay Gallo for volunteers for the April 10, 2008 @ 7-7:45 breakfast.

Make A Difference: No report

Book Grant – Working with Guidance to get applications out earlier. Carol Wroble is working with Ann Scott and Pat Huebner.

Newsletter – No reports

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – No report

Social –Helping Read Across America group

Publicity – No report;

Volunteers –

8th grade Coffee: Planning has begun; the breakfast is May 8th for the incoming freshmen parents. We need everyone to be there to meet and greet.

No other reports were given

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – March 17, 2008

Called to Order at 8:55

Secretary- The February minutes were approved.

Treasurer – see report; Letter from Carol Bobo regarding 24 hour relay but no information. We normally give them \$200.

President – Lisa: PTO conversation topics reserved with Kevin Pobst

1. New topics – survey presented for PTO to choose topics for next year; these choices will be on website under PTO forms/newsletter; will be handed out at Parent/Teacher Conferences; will tally numbers to see which topics are more popular.
2. Character Counts: April 6th Walk for Autism – Program at the Community House to be
3. benefited
4. Rich Lapinski working on a run for Teachers In Need and needs help on April 27th
5. Dream Dinners- Doing well; great time; made about \$200; contact Sandra; money will be used for Teacher Appreciation; possibly do every year.
6. Pat on The Back – to Nancy for her work on Dollars for Scholars and to Tina Anderson for Holiday Breakfast.
7. Today's discussion is on "Music" Big News!
8. Kevin Pobst – weight room is a go; Northridge Builders will build it; Bob O'Hare will be overseeing the project; Mardula is the architect; suggested that there is a thank you put in the paper.
9. 2 more meetings left – Pan Hellenic meeting May evening; we will have a meeting in the morning in May; Mr. Pobst conversation because of the evening meeting.
10. PTO position forms for positions next year sent around for next year.

Vice President/ Communication – website is getting 150 hits/week; Hinsdale Central.com registered to us; Requesting \$30 which was approved; Kay Gallo spoke about the district website which is moving very slowly; discussed the inadequacies of sharepoint and improvements that need to be made; Parent Portal will also be changing next year. We have new logo and stationery.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio's mom passes away – Teacher Appreciation will have coffee for the teachers at Parent Teacher Conferences; need help with passing out surveys. Birthday Club – send note to your teacher.

Holiday Breakfast –nothing

School Board Liaison: Healthy school discussions

Discussion regarding emails dealing with surveys if they are prejudiced due to emails; talked about antennae on water tower killing birds; Principal from South is now the new assistant Superintendent;

March 18th – Big meeting at Community House to review survey results; District 86 – question and answer session; discuss the survey questions; not a discussion regarding results

All American Read Week: April 18th 7 am to 9 am; expecting 300 people; Food needed for Teachers/PTO: need volunteers;

Need ideas to how to go forward with next year's program;

Need new name for their committee

At HCHS library, Vicki Bush Joseph said that the library staff thanks PTO for their support;

Safety & Bylaws: nothing but traffic discussion regarding morning drop-off; Seminar in May for “Cleaner Facilities.”; trying to make HCHS “Greener”

Character Counts: Walk for Autism
Inspire and Aspire Breakfast – April 10th; Nomination forms are due March 19th

Make A Difference: meeting March 18th.

Book Grant – meeting with Pat Huebner – Book Grant forms are now available earlier in Guidance office; Pam Kalafut received posters to encourage applications

Newsletter – No reports

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – No report

Social –Helping Read Across America group; **8th grade Coffee:** Planning has begun; the breakfast is May 8th for the incoming freshmen parents. We need everyone to be there to meet and greet.

Publicity – No report;

No other reports were given

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 a.m.

Mary Buddig, Secretary
Minutes taken by Kathy Andrews

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – April 22, 2008

Called to Order at 8:55

Secretary- The March minutes were approved

Treasurer – 4 winners for Dollar for Scholars in Illinois and two went to HC students

Income: \$237

Dream Dinners: \$180

Balance: \$58,897.67

President – Lisa:

Two students given scholarship for Dollars for Scholars

May 19 – officers will be voted on

May 19th Night meeting also for Pan-Hellenic

May 14th Recognition breakfast at 8 a.m. at Lisa Stafford's home 838 South Grant

Jason McClain spoke to us about **Student Staff Spirit** He would like funds to print a gift for the teachers;

Baccalaureate: Linda Hurt and Leslie Legan spoke; Ceremony is the night before Graduation at 7:30; asking this to be a committee within the PTO and some dollars - \$ -Sound Specialist, Printing and Linda Hurt would like to continue to be involved.

PAT ON THE BACK:

1. Karen/ Teri/ Vicky for the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast successful breakfast
2. Laurita for a wonderful Aspire and Inspire Breakfast
3. Tina Anderson – finally received her pat on the back
4. Mary Buddig

Teacher Fund – Breakfast, Teacher App Week, Gift to teacher for that Day

Dream Dinner – success

Aspire Inspire Breakfast – thank you to PTO and thank you to Kay Gallo

All American Read Week /Library Breakfast – Vicky Bush-Joseph; wonderful breakfast; students from Seussical acted in the library; also students' game in for gaming day

Need to vote if we are going to continue this each year.

Amazing donations from Hinsdale Flower Shop, Jane's Blue Iris, Kirsten Bakery, both Whole Foods, Toni and Maries, Fruit Store, Einstein

Vice President/ Communication – working on the website. Thank you to Joni and Kay for all of their help.

Teacher Appreciation – see above

Holiday Breakfast –Tina asked the board to include a line item asking for donations for holiday breakfast in next year's directory/dues mailing.

School Board Liaison: Important meeting on May 5th. It is important that everyone goes to the meeting. The results from the survey are being presented.

Safety & Bylaws: Discipline & Safety Committee;

Senior Parking Format will change;

Signage,

Speed Limit in Teacher Parking Lot; Broadcast Club Producing this

Make A Difference: No report

Book Grant –May 1 (Selection Day) Lauren Pyle coming to speak at Scholarship Night

Newsletter – No reports

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Need parents to help with this for next year.
May 22nd @6:30 Michael Smith

Social – 8th grade Coffee: Planning has begun; the breakfast is May 8th for the incoming freshmen parents. We need everyone to be there to meet and greet.

Publicity – No report;

No other reports were given

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Buddig, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – May 19, 2008

Called to Order at 8:55

Secretary- The April minutes were approved

Treasurer – discussed budget; Budget was accepted. Money put aside for the Teacher Breakfast at the end of the Year will be used for the Library function in April

President – Lisa:

Election of Officers.: Motions made; slate accepted

Need volunteers for Summer Mailing

Arlene Adler and Linda Hazucka were the guests for the day

All American Read Week /Library Breakfast – Karen discussed that the library would like to continue all the programs and maybe have a few more next year.

Vice President/ Communication – working on the website. Thank you to Joni and Kay for all of their help. Joni Hollinger is doing website. Darla will maintain weekly emails.

Character Counts – Definitely a plus that Pam spoke about Character Counts at the 8th grade coffee. It is important to highlight all the wonderful assets of the school.

Teacher Appreciation – this will continue for next year. Lisa Stafford and Tina Caparo are ready for the challenge

Holiday Breakfast –No report

School Board Liaison: School Board is working on a plan; the board is going out to bid for a school architect. Communication is being redone on a District level; The district is discussing technology tonight. Also the two school do not want to be compared. This came out in the survey.

Safety & Bylaws: Need a committee for this committee. We need at least 2 more people. We feel that the Drop off video should also cover drop off on Grant.

Make A Difference: Laurita reported that the Make A Difference awards were being handed out on Wednesday, May 21, 2008 at the senior awards day.

Book Grant –Met first week of May; 32 applications; 22% came from website. Wednesday morning 26 grants will be given.

Need to revamp book grant. Yellow page in directory is not very effective. Possibly changing the position in the book is a possibility; The Committee will be including a list of online bookstores for the winners of the Grants; Annual review with guidance; will continue to solicit a book grant recipient to speak; Grants are based on financial need

Guidance: Carol Wroble and Elaine Moore on committee; published a report with Dr. Wahl; The first meeting of the new year should be regarding guidance and the submitted report; They will continue to maintain the Counselors by alphabet; They want to maintain an expertise in 175 schools; Continue to change things so that operating procedures are the same across the board. There will be a tickler system so that transcripts go out in a timely manner; More consistency; More scrutiny with Special Services and Guidance; More guidance with the incoming class so

that they are sure that they are on the right path for them. Testing of transfer students is also being discussed.

Newsletter – No reports

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – May 22nd @6:30 Michael Smith

Social – 8th grade Coffee: 240 families attended; very successful

Publicity – No report;

Carol Wroble read a resolution for Distinguished Service for Robin Cyrier and Charmaine Crane. It listed their many contributions to the PTO and the School. It was entered into the record, this the 19th day of May 2008

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.

Mary Buddig, Secretary