

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER 5, 2010 MEETING

ATTENDANCE: John Byrne, Margaret Hansen, Kristin Smith, Cyndi Valerio, Ken Gilbert, Christi Clark, Chris Storm, Heidi Wiest, Emily Wiest, Dawn Manning, Tina Shuck

THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER BY KEN GILBERT AT 6:30 pm AT THE REQUEST OF PRESIDENT KRISTIN SMITH WHO WAS DELAYED.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: Ken Gilbert started the meeting with the principal's report.

After School Activities: Mr. Gilbert said he wanted to report on the after-school activities and clubs which have been started or planned. They are as follows:

1. Girls' Interest Topics: (Mrs. Tobey and her daughter supervising). The club is to start on Thursday, October 14. It is (as the law requires) open to all but the exclusive focus will be as the title states and all must respect that focus and purpose.
2. Bell Choir: (Mrs. Buchert) This activity was begun last year. There are ten slots available (limited by the availability of proper bells) and at least 8 students had signed up as of the time of the PTC meeting.
3. Drama: (Mrs. Spencer). It was scheduled to begin the week of October 4.
4. Science Bowl: (Mrs. Smith). The details are not yet available.
5. Dance Club: (Casey Brown). The details are not yet available.
6. Soccer Club: The club will be run in the spring by Ryan Graham.
7. Career Club: (Mrs. Fleetwood) The fall session has already begun with a visit to Safehaven. Visits to LBCC and a local electrical facility are being scheduled. There will also be a spring session.
8. SWAP: This club is a student-run club (Mr. O'Brien overseeing) aimed at developing more after school activities and events.
9. Literature and Art: (Mrs. Marquet). This club should begin within a few weeks.

Mr. Gilbert expects that more interests will be pursued and clubs developed. Among other possibilities are a Math Club and a club for lego robotics (with the focus on next year for the registration period for the teams has passed and arrangements have to be made to secure the necessary equipment in time.)

Site Council: Mr. Gilbert described the work of the site council which meets once a month for about one and one-half hours (1 – 2:30). The September focus of the site council was on after school activities and clubs. The October focus is on the Career Learning System which is being instituted in the District. He said that he is looking for a parent to volunteer as a new member of the site council.

INTRODUCTIONS:

President Kristin Smith arrived during Mr. Gilbert's presentation. She then formally took over the meeting and asked everyone in the room to introduce themselves to everyone else. It was

noted that Memorial's internet site still has last year's slate of officers and a request was made that the site be updated with the current slate of officers.

MINUTES:

The minutes of the September, 2010 meeting were summarized by John Byrne and made available in printed form. It was moved, seconded and voted that the minutes be accepted as written.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Treasurer Christi Clark reported that the only expenditure during the past 30 days was for the gift basket for the drawing done at the end of back-to-school night. That expenditure was \$38.98 leaving a balance in the account being held by GAPS of \$894.42.

It was moved, seconded and voted that the Treasurer's report be accepted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Book Fair: Heidi Wiest reported that the books would arrive from Scholastic between October 18 and 20. Depending on when the books arrived, they would be put on sale when school is in session either October 19 (Wednesday) or October 25 and/or 26 (Monday, Tuesday) in addition to the sale during parent conferences on October 20 and 21. John Byrne said he would bring change for a starting bank.

Microwaves: Heidi Wiest and her daughter, Emily Wiest, reported that the microwaves installed this year to heat homemade lunches are very popular.

Back to School Night: President Kristin Smith's talk explaining the PTC during Back to School night was well received and a number of people expressed interest in the PTC. The PTC's gift basket winner was drawn but the basket has not yet been claimed. A reminder will be forwarded to the winner.

Spaghetti Feed: The Spaghetti Feed is a combined social and fund raising event for the PTC and the band and choir. The elements necessary to put on the Spaghetti Feed were discussed. Cyndi Valerio agreed to contact businesses that have donated items or money in the past but noted that she will not be involved with the school next year so this task has to be taken over by another parent. (It was noted that if Winnco makes a donation, arrangements must be made to publicize the company's participation.) Laurie Robinson has agreed to oversee the cooking and arrangements were made to get a check for her in advance. It was noted that the school's on-line calendar has two dates for the Spaghetti Feed and Ken Gilbert said he would have that corrected so that only the correct date (November 4) is shown. There was a discussion of publicity within the school (leadership students will make posters) and outside (the newspaper and radio stations will be contacted). It was agreed that there would be a dessert sale and Margaret Hansen agreed to oversee that. It was agreed that those who expressed interest in the PTC and parents of the band and choir would be approached for dessert donations.

NEW BUSINESS:

There was an open discussion of fund raising and fund raising possibilities including the notion of revising the registration paper would to solicit voluntary contributions at the beginning of the school year. There was also a general discussion of identifying additional projects or events as goals for fund raising. Along this line, there was a consensus that the PTC should look over the specifics of the suggested sound system to see if there is a way to move that idea ahead. It was agreed that fund raising and projects would be discussed again at the nest meeting. Ken Gilbert said he would bring a list of all anticipated fund raising events at the school by the school and school related entities.

ADJOURNMENT: The new president adjourned the meeting at 8:00. The next meeting is currently scheduled for **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2010 AT 6:30 P.M.**