

PTO Minutes
PTO Meeting
April 16, 2009

The meeting began at 9:00AM. Those attending were: Terry Gillach, Dawne Owen, Beth Shannon, Fiona Vickers, Christie Sprowl, Beth Waters, Stephen Topping, Ellen Hardman, Jessica Waldman, Ashley Kirchner and Vickie Thompson. The following items were discussed:

1. Principal's Update- Terry Gillach:

Construction News: There was no asbestos in the building. The evacuation went smoothly for the most part. There were only a couple of kids who stayed until 3:30. They did find that the reverse 911 did not work properly. It was sent out at the time of the evacuation, but not received until later. Terry said it's important to always listen to the entire message before hanging up, as there is a prompt at the end of the message for you to acknowledge the receipt of the message. If you don't do this, you will continue to receive the calls.

They have decided not to stain the old concrete floors like they did in the new wing because the old floors do not take the stain very well. They are looking at a product called "marmoleum" to put down on the old concrete.

The upstairs lockers will be replaced with the Casey lockers which are bigger than the old ones. All of the lockers will be painted. Half of the gym floor is down and the band and orchestra rooms are really close to being finished. Listen Up will put in the sound systems in the next few weeks. It will be mid May when they are able to move into these areas. We have to wait until the entire gym floor has been installed and stained for no fewer than 11 days.

The climbing wall will not kick off until next year, possibly late summer. There may be some left-over construction money that could go towards the climbing wall. It's too soon to tell for sure, hopefully there will be no surprises in the remodeling of the administration areas. Fairview has committed to contributing \$5000.00 to the climbing wall.

A new temporary entrance will open after the "April Break". It will be the double doors a few feet north of the current entrance. Signs will be posted over the doorway.

Questions were asked about the "stuff" put down outside on the west side of the new science wing. Terry plans to have this "dirt" removed and replaced with a substance that is not easily tracked into the building.

The new courtyard will be bigger than the old one and will have two basketball goals side by side.

Overall Climate re: the kids: Most of the kids in all grade levels are losing interest in doing their work. This is normal for this time of year, and they all need a "talk" to keep them going. Once they get past the Talent Show, they usually rebound. This would be a good time for parents to check Infinite Campus and check in with their students to give them words of encouragement. They have been dealing with lots of Face book issues. Don't be afraid to check on what your kids are doing on Face Book!!

Hot Topic, May 4; Sex, Drugs and Rock and Roll...Navigating the Middle School Years: Should be lots of good information for parents.

2. Treasurer's Update- Beth Shannon:

Beth handed out a copy of the Profit & Loss Statement for July 1, 2008 through April 13, 2009. Funds continue to be paid out for Minigrants. We need to add in the \$3000.00 funding to the Climbing Wall budgeted amount which will bring it to a total of \$10,000.00. This amount was increased at the March 19th PTO meeting.

Beth brought up the topic of a Jamba Juice "fund raiser". Discussion followed on the pros and cons of doing this. Terry advised us that the issue came up at BVSD and they said "no". It's a marketing tactic, and it would be hard to promote one business without promoting all businesses. PTO agreed we would like to maintain our one fund raiser only...the Cougar Challenge.

3. Update on PTO Board Positions for 2009-2010:

Stephen Topping and Annette Wilhelm will share the Secretary position. We need a mentor to work with Christie Sprowl next year in preparation for taking over the Cougar Challenge project the following year. We still need someone for the Treasurer's position.

4. Cougar Challenge- Christie Sprowl:

Christie will get information out in the last newsletter about a Last Chance Cougar Challenge opportunity. We are still slightly short of our goal.

5. Upcoming Events:

Culture Night: Culture Night is scheduled for April 21. We need more food volunteers. So far only 10 people have volunteered. Fiona will send out another email requesting help.

Teacher Appreciation Week: Beth Waters has this under control. She is planning to do Smoothies for Breakfast on Monday, May 4th. She will be looking for help for this and will send out an email as we get closer to the time.

She is planning a chocolate fountain for the staff meeting on Thursday, May 7th. She will get gift cards from Pearl Street Mall for teachers, paras, and staff. Dawne requested PTO board members be present for this meeting if possible.

8th grade Reception: Dawne and Fiona will plan this. Ashley has a photo backdrop that he will loan for this event.

8th grade Picnic: Terry says the school orders the grills that are needed. He also said Manon Crespi may still have the grocery list from years past. Fiona said she will buy the food for the picnic. Terry says there should be 3 to 4 volunteers each to help with setting up, grilling and cleaning up. Terry says the kids will go down around 12:30 and we should be ready for them to start eating at that time. They can use the pool from 1:30 to 3:00pm. Set up should begin around 11:00...Vickie, Beth and Dawne will help with this. Grilling should start around 12:00. Dawne will send out an email for other volunteers to help.

PTO usually meets the third Thursday of each month. However, due to all of the end of the year events going on the next PTO meeting will be on Thursday, May 14, 2009. Watch for information as to the location of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10AM.

Respectfully submitted,
Vickie Thompson, PTO Secretary