

PTO General Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2012

Meeting called to order by president Cathy Louthen at 7:01 p.m.

Hospitality: Thanks to Cathy Louthen, Nancy Fucinato and Sharon Vassos for bringing snacks.

Reports from the Administration:

Pam Bylsma:

- Homecoming was great – lots of school spirit, everyone in blue and white!
- All homecoming events went well with the 5K and the dance.
- Tomorrow PSAT testing 10/17 – many more students taking the test this year.
- Graduation requirement committee meeting Thursday 10/18 7:30 a.m.
- Kids excited about Volley for the Cure – RB Girls Volleyball team sponsoring the event.
- Brookfield Project Nice is this Saturday – students can volunteer.
- November 7 is a testing day – seniors will be off, all other students will be testing.
- RB sponsoring can food drive for veterans, members brought can food to support the drive.
- Tina Meyer is working with RB to help the cause for cyber bullying.
- Blood drive on October 19.
- Curriculum fair on November 1 and 2 during the lunch periods to help students understand many of the class offerings for next year
- Thanks for supporting library month – lots of books collected.
- Pam spoke about the tragedy of the student's death this past week and the many things the school has done to help the students.

Guest Speaker:

- Christine Sutton was present to talk about depression awareness. Her talk focused on recognizing signs and raising awareness of depression and suicide. Trying to eliminate the stigma that goes along with depression so kids can get the help they need. Talked about the website Erika's Lighthouse. Lots of great reference material can be found there. We talked about some of the warning signs and ways to start the conversations.

Meeting minutes from September 18 read and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report distributed and approved it will be posted online.

Teacher Appreciation Lunch

- Luncheon will be Wednesday, February 13. Sign-up sheets going around for set up, serving and clean up. Emails looking for volunteers will be sent closer to the event.
- Also asking for donations of salad and dessert.

Correspondence

- None

Grant Applications

- Madrigals requested \$389 for school bus for state competition – motion made and approved
- Waiting for more information from Gary Prokes on his grant request
- Reduced cost request for fence for school garden of \$700 – students will make the fence in the spring – motion made and approved

General Announcements:

- RAIN (Riverside Area Inclusion Network) - parents of children in special ed sometimes felt not everyone can participate – Dr. Lamberson in District 96 put together this group and have reps in all District 96 schools. Upcoming events 11/3 – NR commons 9:30 - resource fair – they will introduce all the services available to students. Ongoing - RAIN has active meeting each month 3rd Wednesday (not November) at Riverside Public Library 6:30 p.m. – parents, educators and administrators are welcome. Time spent talking through issues.
- Project Nice this Saturday
- Betty Sharp sent an email telling parents how to nominate a teacher for the Golden Apple Award – flyers were passed out
- Raffle winner – Diane Hettasch
- Alice Glavin talked about the annual toy drive for the Kentucky Mountain “adopt a kid” Holiday Event. More details will be sent to membership via email explaining how you can help.

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Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted

Michele Kmet