

PTSA Meeting October 14 2010

Attendance;

Kathy Cray, Monica Gallant, Janis Louzek, Anne Dumas, Janice Tremblay, Marie Degulis, Susan Holroyd, Ruth Kabel, Janet Listowich, Tammy Campbell, Tony Yandell, Jeni Yandell, Donna Ramirez, Maureen Lorden, Lynn Post, Jill Russell, Kristen Berry, Melanie Levesque, Cindy Matte

Safe Home Presentation given by Donna Arieas of Beyond Influence

Handed out the sign up application to participate in the safe home pledge and another handout on making your home a safe home from the parents' network

Prescription take back will be on Nov 13 at the Hollis Police Department and Brookline Safety Complex from 10:00-2:00

Monica Gallant is chairing this project and will get info and get it up on the web site for safe homes

Jack Agati will be speak at the November meeting on 6 tips surviving the teens

Peer Outreach Group Cathy Cray

15 students participated in the training for the outreach group there will be an open enrollment throughout the year because of the of the students schedule.

Students will go to the middle school to talk about drugs and alcohol, they will reinforce that drugs and alcohol are not okay. They will hand out highlight letters and 100 tulip bulbs will be distributed during red ribbon week Oct. 23- 31st.

They will visit the elementary school and students will wear red shirts, they will make a human ribbon and an aerial photo will be taken.

Secretary Kimber Harmon

September minutes were distributed and Kristen Berry made a motion to approve, seconded by Lyn Post, minutes were approved.

Treasures Report Lynn Post

Operating Account \$9995.65 S Team Account \$7182.39

Lynn presented the working budget for 2010-2011. Lynn stated that there are issues with this year's budget.

Monday October 25 at 4:00 p.m. in conference room will be a workshop that the executive board and others may contribute to details and the philosophy of the budget. We need to discuss how we want the budget to operate, do we want to do fundraising or just operate in the red.

Meeting will be announced on the website

Principal Cindy Matte

Tonight was the National Honor induction and there were 40 students

October 15 will be the only night football game, please come and support the team.

We have 6 Semi National Merit Finalists and 13 Honorable Mentions , we were 3rd in the state

Next month Tim Kelly and Cindy will go to Washington D. C. for the National Blue Ribbon ceremony. Only 104 schools nationwide were chosen based on student scores.

Janet Listowich had a question about the attendance policy and how to use the internet. Cindy clarified that we still need to call the school if the child is sick, but wants us to send an excuse letter by email instead of paper.

There is construction above the school for the new football field and the old football field will be used for track.

Melanie Levesque raised the question on what the school is doing about bullying

Cathy Cray responded with stating it is something that the Peer Outreach group will be working on. She thought the outreach group is the best place for a peer mentoring program with the middle school students

There will be a speaker about bullying later this year.

Membership/Directory Anne Dumas

Numbers are very low 181 are memberships and there is an order for 189 directories

Next year we need a hard copy membership form to be sent out at the beginning of the school year.

Membership does not close you can join all year, the forms are in the office

The basket in the office was won by Brad Holroyd. His number was picked by Janice Tremblay.

Those who were present at the meeting voted on art work for the telephone directory.

We will not be ordering as many directories this year we ordered too many last year and did not sell them all.

There was a discussion on how to be included in email alerts and how to go about getting the email data base from the school district. Cindy will follow up with Susan Hodgdon to see what can be done.

We would like to see PTSA alerts come from the school.

Jill Russel announced there is a reporter from the Journal who will be writing an article on Sau 41 and would like to interview individuals from both Hollis and Brookline

Membership Volunteer Janet Listowich

OHD was a success many parents volunteered but did not have any students. She received 60-70 volunteer forms. Janet has already used the forms to get a group of volunteers to help input data in the office.

Kristen Berry/Annual Staff Appreciation Dinner

The Harvest Dinner will be on November 18, 4:00-6:00 during teacher conference

Volunteers will be needed to help cook; soups, salads and desserts

Guests Maureen Lorden, Tony and Jen Yandell spoke on seatbelt legislation

Earlier this year the Yandell's lost their daughter in a car accident. She was not wearing a seatbelt.

They are working diligently to support a seatbelt law. A seatbelt law last year passed the legislature but did not pass in the senate. They are creating a grass roots effort in petitioning our legislatures to pass a new law in next year's session.

UNH did a study and found out that 65% state residents support a seat belt law.

Mel Levesque our house rep stated that a strong grass root effort is needed

Janice Tremblay/School Board Member

Spoke about the State truancy regulations that all districts will need to have policies in place by the first of the year.

A subcommittee with the coop school board and all other interested parties will meet on October 20

The state has provided a sample of language detailing what constitutes truancy and the regulations that need to be followed. The group will put together procedures for a policy on excused and unexcused absences and those definitions along with the procedures once a truancy problem exists and then a formal protocol will be set

The Budget committee has set up an ambitious schedule for completing next year's budget.

A preliminary budget will begin at the next coop board

They will entertain questions and make remarks for 45 minutes on the topic then it will be closed.

A budget workshop with school board and budget boards will meet on Thursday Oct.
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So that there will be one number presented in the spring.

Venture Crew will have their monthly breakfast October 14, 2010

PTA convention in November 12-13

Next PTSA meeting will be November 18 at 8:30 a.m.