**PAMS PTA MINUTES**

**September 12, 2012**

The meeting was called to order by president, Janine Sarach, at 5:35 pm.

**In Attendance:** Janine Sarach, Stormie Henley, Donna Gowens-Parker, Terri Weaver, Jen Crow, Michelle Prendergast, Gerrold Walker, Melissa Fagan, Alex Bergren

The minutes from May, as well as the PAMS Budget Planning Meeting Agenda from July, were distributed and approved.

**Administration/Mr. Bergren:**

* Off to a great start. All lights were replaced over the summer as well as new ceiling tiles, painting, etc.
* There is lots of new software and web-based technology in place, including grading, substitute system, etc.
* Enrollment is at 1412 as of today. We have 19 new staff members.
* Fall sports have begun.
* New I.D. program (intellectually disabled) has started here this year with 9 or 10 students. They are self –contained and in all three grades.

**PIE Report/Jen Crow:**

* Jen is our Library Media Specialist. Her goal this year is to share ideas and build communication with parents and staff. She is working with Cheryl   
  Zell doing the Partners in Education.
* Another goal is to work with SCA and PTA to utilize and share resources. She will give us a calendar of what’s on board for SCA.
* We are putting together a “STEM Team (Robotics)” for competition with a teacher sponsor and we would also like a business sponsor/partner. Gerrold knows of a contact that has experience with this and will give info to Mr. Bergren.
* They are working on recruiting and training the students for the newsroom.

**Principals of American Citizenship:**

* Chick-fil-A and Coldstone said they would do a certificate for our winners.
* One character trait per month – may try to include something about this in the announcements.

**Treasurer’s Report-Budget Review/Janine for Barb:**

* Distributed and went thru the Income/Expense Comparison by category.

**Corresponding Secretary/Michelle:**

* Teachers’ gifts for birthdays have been ordered.

**Volunteers/Bobbi:**

* Bobbi has list going of volunteers.

**Membership/Stress Free/Gerrold:**

* Membership is currently at 695. He will give Mr. Bergren the names of the remaining staff members who need to join.

**Reflections/Kristin:**

* Theme is “Magic of the Moment” and we are looking at an October 12th deadline. May add Kellam HS to our “group” but need a parent volunteer. Will be getting with Mr. Clark to schedule a December date for the reception.

**Rachel’s Challenge – sponsors: Audrey and Patti**

* Group is growing

**Newsletter -** Is going out Friday and looks great!

**Website/Donna:**

* We had to get a new web address – ours expired. Added “VB” on the end and registered it. Send her any news you would like to include. There is now a link from the PMS website.

**Facebook/Melissa:**

* There is a link now to the Facebook.

**New Business:**

* Open houses are September 18th for 7th and 8th grade (this was later rescheduled due to weather), and October 8th for 6th grade.
* “School Store” is in the works. May start by being open a couple of days per week. They would be willing to sell Spiritwear.

**Goals:**

* School beautification: it would be nice to add some additional landscaping. We need someone to take charge to help with the upkeep.
* Library: Working on the redesign and layout. There will be a classroom area, student reading area, computers set up in small groups, adding of students’ artwork, and the addition of Kindles.
* Hoping to use PAMS time to create book clubs – the books are already here (purchased thru a Grant) and ready to be used.
* Could use a Kindle “Expert” to assist.

It was agreed to change the date of our next meeting to Wednesday, October 10th.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:35 pm.