PAMS PTA MINUTES

November 12, 2013

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

**In Attendance:** Michelle Prendergast, Kelly Brenner, Lisa Lauderback, Sheldon Layne, Kim Wells, Bob Blackwell, Jenifer Crow, Alex Bergren, Janine Sarach, Barb Stebbins, Terri Weaver

The October minutes were reviewed. A motion was made to approve and it was seconded.

**Administration and Activities Report/Mr. Bergren:**

* Next Friday is the next “move” meeting. It still looks like the move will be taking place over spring break. New lighting, painting, and other updates will be done before we get there. The city is no longer allowing electronic signs, so we will not be getting one at the old Kellam. The city has a plan in place to make this a smooth transition. The kids will get new schedules with old and new room numbers. We want to create “grade -level” hallways, which involves moving Smart Boards, band and orchestra rooms, etc. They seem to be supportive of this. He will continue to update us as we go.
* There were lots of 6th graders on the Principal’s List; not so many 8th graders this time around. The Principal’s lunch will be on Monday. There were tons of Honor Roll students.
* Some of the male staff members are participating in “Movember” – a movement to raise awareness of men’s health issues by growing moustaches/beards. They will be taking pictures before, midway and after and have a contest for the best one.
* Boys and girls soccer had a great season.
* Football finished with a 3/3 record.
* One-Act Play did a great job with their season.
* Boys and girls basketball tryouts are going on as well as Academic Challenge.
* Cheer Festival was last Wednesday and we did an outstanding job. They will be supporting basketball coming up.

**Partners in Education/Jen Crow:**

* There is a Spirit Night this Thursday at Lucky Oyster from 5 to 9 pm to support wrestling.
* Sample Sale people contacted us and are ready to roll for December 7th.
* The Guidance Department, along with Mr. Perry is working on a plan to help out some of our families in the “PA Community” with gifts for the holidays. They are looking into placing a large tree in the library and possibly having lists (like Angel Tree does) with items needed. It may involve some of our students helping to “shop” for items. They may enlist help from the PTA in wrapping gifts (or we may decide to let the parents do this), and also in running the money thru. They may have contests to see which class can raise the most money. They are still working out the details.
* Hunter Bolling is the key point person for the 5k race we are planning as part of the Lend a Hand event. Wounded Wear is the charity that was chosen to benefit this year. April is also the “Month of the Military Child” so it ties in nicely. They are willing to come out and will even do an assembly to raise awareness. Tidewater Striders will be doing the timing for the event. We will ask our Partners in Education if they want to help sponsor this event. We already have a commitment from Lucky Oyster and HUMAN Healthy Vending. The plan is to have the race at the new Kellam.
* There will be a Spirit Night at Jake’s BBQ in December with 10% of sales going to Mr. Jewell’s Art Club. They will also be displaying the students’ art work all week.

**Membership/Janine for Gerrold:**

* We need 338 memberships to make 100%. Letters went out to faculty and staff to thank them for their membership and help and to please continue to push for 100% in their class.

**Treasurer/Barb:**

* The balance in the account is 15,602.20.
* Reviewed the Income/Expense Comparison Report.

**Correspondence/Michelle:**

* She will be doing November birthdays this week.

**Reflections/Janine for Kristin:**

* Winners were announced. Tentative date for the reception is Friday, December 20th.

**Spirit Wear/Bob for Jean Blackwell:**

* Spirit wear will be sold Wednesday and Friday at lunch.

**Hospitality/Janine for Erin:**

* The 20th is Educational Support Professionals Day – she will give all assistants scarves.

**Principals of American Citizenship/Janine for Julie:**

* Chelsea Campbell was our school winner for the month of October, diligence.
* Our September winner, Ashley Pleasant, went on to become the city-wide winner.

**New Business**

* Box Tops Incentive - One of our faculty members that used to be at Salem said they kept a poster out by the main office with a bar graph. Each month, the homeroom that had the most box tops got a traveling trophy filled with candy. So the idea was brought up – do we think Sheri would be willing to do this? We will revisit and put on next month’s agenda.

**Unfinished Business:**

* Holiday Lights at the Beach – we sold two tickets! Lights start on November 22nd.
* Chorus Grant – majority wanted to purchase 10 dresses and 10 vests. She will have a hemming party to take care of these. Word went out to volunteers and we got plenty of response.

Our next meeting is December 10, 2013. The meeting was adjourned at 6:35.