

TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes

The October PTO meeting of the 20087/2009 school year was called to order at 9:00 am on October 1, 2008 by President Gretchen Guttman.

Present at the meeting were: Marybeth Panaro, Karen Consalo, Ayuko Siegel, Jean Purinton, Joan Gaidimas, Margaret Mackenzie, Sue Snyder, Mary Markert, Patti Kennedy, Sherri Gartner, Marci Tierney

TEMS Administration Reports:

Principal Mark Cataldi

Construction update – 3 new rooms in large courtyard are almost complete; may be some schedule changes for the rooms but there will be time for the transition; very nice job on the construction

Still have a small courtyard – will get plantings in the courtyard

Curriculum night for all grades – schedule should have been brought home by your child; extra copies will be with the guidance counselors in the library; please follow the schedule as there are some changes to your child's normal schedule; parking could be a problem; options other than TEMS parking will be available (Stoga parking lot, Howellville Rd. etc); Spirit Wear will be sold that evening

Library – Hero Week picture frame was taken down as a door was added to the library; will look to try and find another location

Progress reports – coming out next week ; also check grades on Pinnacle.

Smart Boards – meeting with Haverford Systems today and going over all installation issues before installation date of October 9

ERBs testing for grades 6 & 8 – will be this week and next; scaled down the number of tests administered; no longer do the writing subtest; tests are taken during core time; parents will receive results by sometime in January

Bus schedules have been going well- both in the am and the pm; looking to have last pm buses arrive earlier, currently arriving at 3:01 pm

Chairing Middle School Advisory Committee and will be bringing middle school issues to the committee

Dress Up Day – Friday October 24 is the mixer for 5/6 grades; students bring costumes and get changed; dress up day will be on October 31 for the entire school

Assistant Principal – Jacqui Hickey

Clubs & Activities list updated on the website yesterday; next week, all clubs will be active (except Dance Club & Ping Pong which will be up within the next month); can contact teacher directly or the front office for information

Buddy Game Club – opportunities to interact on a social level and for students with special needs; team building skills; game skills – on Wednesday afternoons

7/8 grade musical – getting the rights; Dear Edwina Junior; tryouts at end of month; many leads and large chorus; tentative dates are February 20 & 21; Tracy Decker is the director and Jean Baker is also working with the play (has directed other plays: Christine Guiser is also assisting; probably will not have a pit orchestra; both acting and singing parts; most of the leads are acting and singing

High participation for school sports this year; largest group is 7th grade volleyball; over 50% of 7th & 8th grade students participating

Super Saturday – October 18 – 8:30 am – all TEMS Fall athletic teams play all VFMS Fall athletic teams; unlimited football will play Malvern Prep; Weighted Football is the last game of the day and will begin at 3:45 pm and ending around 5 pm; athletic trainers will be present all day along with administration

Super Saturday Schedule

TEMS vs. VFMS

October 18, 2008

8:30 AM	7th Boys Soccer	Teamer Field
9:45 AM	8th Boys Soccer	Teamer Field
10:00 AM	7th Girls Field Hockey	CHS Field Hockey Field
11:00 AM	7th Girls Soccer	Teamer Field
11:15 AM	8th Girls Field Hockey	CHS Field Hockey Field
12:15 PM	8th Girls Soccer	Teamer Field
12:30 PM	Volleyball	CHS Large Gym
2:00 PM	Unlim. Football vs. Malvern	Teamer Field
3:45 PM	Weight Football	Teamer Field

Treasurer's Report:

Cash balance as of September 30, 2008 is as follows:

Savings account	\$5,402.21
LWL Account	\$4,993.14
Checking Account	\$11,380.85
Checking New	\$2,455.79

Accountant has information for the 2007-2008 school year to prepare Tax Return – From 990

An audit of last year's books will be performed by Marci Tierney.

School/Community Related Topics:

Cultural Arts – Budget – made changes from last meeting – program for 5th grade will be for all students; each grade will have their own assemblies; dates are not on calendar; will be placed on the website; on calendar page and cultural arts page

LWL – NEED A CHAIRPERSON!!!

New Family Welcome - we are still looking for someone to chair this program for the remainder of the year –

Newsletter – editor is Suzanne Fanelle (ssfanelle@verizon.net); Deadline is the first

Wednesday of the month

We are looking to “Go Green” with the newsletter; having it sent to you via a link; if you are interested, please contact Gretchen Guttman at tguttman@comcast.net; the newsletter will no longer include the Student of the Month section

Directory – ready to go to print; online for same dates as last year;

Family Feud – “fun-raiser” on November 12; 3:15 – 4:45; a healthy snack will be provided; looking for 10-12 parent volunteers; want to take small groups of students up to the book fair; held a meeting with TEMS administration and staff; we will incorporate the information/names we acquired last year and are inviting last year’s 8th grade class to participate

8th Grade Recognition – Karen Consalo is the chair; please contact if you are interested

Fundraising Events:

The Ice-Cream Social/Break Walk – was successful; doubled the price of ice cream; was rainy; parking was difficult; Mark had a video for students to view; if it is on a football game night suggest an earlier start time.

Spirit Wear – Order form deadline October 13 for delivery on October 30th – forms will be available on curriculum night

Book Fair – November 10-14; with Scholastic Books; sent email to all teachers and asked for list of books; teachers responded and list was sent to Scholastic; need many volunteers

Parent Social – February 7, 2009; Karen Consalo/Johanne LaMarche co-chairs; InTEpendence Day; need volunteers

Super Saturday – October 18; Kate McCanney is chair; need many volunteers!!

ESCRIP – please sign up; a very easy way to raise money for the PTO; need to reregister for those with Genardi’s cards

Rep Reports:

BUILD – picnic held with good attendance; not have speaker schedule for October; once get, will be placed on the website

School Board – Still need a rep; Dr. Waters presented the District Goals; presentation from the architects on a plan that will increase the parking lot at TEMS – want to coincide with township plan for sidewalks extended drop off and parking lot in back of school; would begin at the end of the school year

ISC – Electronic Education field trip will be in January; go online to review list of

topics; Downingtown looking at distance learning; socialization concerns with distance learning; will be a new math and reading curriculum and will be presented shortly to the School Board; Pool issue for swim team - will not put a pool at the high school or any other area until Nursery approaches district regarding land purchase

ARCH – Webinar Series –a series of online seminars on 8 critical parenting issues. Live sessions on Monday evenings. See website <http://conestoga.campusoutreachservices.com> for calendar and more information.

General PTO Business

Please visit our website (temspto.org-Go Green) for up to date information

Bulldog Barks - have 58 families getting the Bulldog Barks online; have saved 1 ream of paper

Open Issue Discussion

Other Fundraisers – been getting calls for fundraising

TE Cares – family needs; TE Scares event on October 25

Dental Clinic – TEMS had 10 students treated; 2 with a local orthodontist

The next meeting is on November 5, 2008 at 9:00 am.

The meeting adjourned at 10:32 am.

Respectfully submitted by Rita K. Borzillo, PTO Secretary