

## TEMS PTO Meeting Minutes

September 7, 2011

In attendance: Audrey Kese, Kelly Walker, Carol Lake, Kathleen Bouhdary, Martha Atchinson, Linda Murray, Kristin Schappell, Gini Porras, Liz Seader, Gwenn Mascioli, Evelyn Shreve, Lauren Feldman, Juliette Hyson, Courtenay Homan, Lori Naser, Kate McAllister, Maria MacWilliams, Srinivasan Kuppaswamy, Srinivasan Vijaya, Mark Cataldi, John Mull, Jacqui Hickey

Carol Lake opened mtg at 9:00 and thanked all summer volunteers.

Kristin Schappell motioned to approve 6/1/11 minutes and Gwenn Mascioli second. Approved.

### Vice-Principal reports:

- Jacqui Hickey- 5<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades; clubs/activities/athletics
- John Mull – 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>; standardized testing
  - PSSA results usually arrive late Sept.
  - Keystone Exams-State has tabled KE for this school year. Students will not have to take future KE for courses taken this year.
  - TESD students who took Algebra 1 KE preliminary results doubled state level for proficiency.

### Principal Mark Cataldi:

- Enrollment: 5<sup>th</sup>-272 (14 new to district); 6<sup>th</sup>-285 (10); 7<sup>th</sup>-238 (16); 8<sup>th</sup>-252 (11); total 1,047 (52)
- Olweus Anti-Bullying Program
  - “HERO” groups- Honesty, Empathy, Respect, Open-mindedness
  - Students will meet in small groups every other Fri after homebase
  - All grades-separate from advisory
- Advisory-daily in grades 7/8; 2 days/ 6 day cycle in 5/6-part of special area rotation-team based.
  - Support-students can seek help from any teacher available during their support period. Teachers from all core subjects will be available.
  - Initiative- instruction modules – grades 7/8 only.
  - Suggestions to put write-up in blast about benefits of advisory and publish list of initiatives

- Tech Ed, Family Con, Applied Tech-no longer in grades 5/6; Tech Ed and Family Con continue in 7/8.
- World Language: This year only - grades 5/6 both have ½ semester each Spanish & French 2/6 days. NEXT year: 5/6 will choose Spanish or French-will remain 2/6 days and same language choice will continue daily thru 7/8. Latin & German in 8<sup>th</sup> gr this year only.

Thanked the PTO for gift – 5 smart boards and projectors were installed. Audio component on backorder-will come back to complete.

### Cultural Arts-Kristin Schappell and Linday Murray

- \$10,000 programming budget
- “Lives Well Lived” now “What a Life” – themed program- activities throughout year with culminating assembly. Separate budget from CA.
- CA programs-1<sup>st</sup> semester
  - Mark Kistler- grades 5/6-3D drawing/illustration
  - “Ball in the House” - a cappella group-2 whole school assemblies.
  - “Ball in the House” will also perform in the evening as part of DELTA community programming-see Blast for info.

### Fundraising-Audrey Kese

- Directory-still looking for more ads-deadline approaching
- ESCRIP-Elaine Klinger to initiate
- Ice Cream Social-this Friday-will sell spirit wear
- Book Fair-10/31-11/4-Diane Shew and Stephanie Nichols;using Scholastic; contacting teachers for book requests
- Parent Social-Dawn Poeta and Kelly Walker – 3/24
- School Store - \$7,700 to date - \$1,500 over last year.
- On-line school store-spirit wear and team wear
  - Will do more advertising-in school billboards
  - Closes on 9/10
    - Delivery-will rec email-pickup in school store.
- “I’m A Bulldog” – Kristin Schappell and Margaret MacKenzie
  - last year’s campaign-\$6,500

- currently soliciting grant requests from teachers-Mark will review and forward on to PTO board. Deadline extended.
- Will determine when this years campaign letter goes out after we rec grant requests.
- Suggestion-have deadline by quarter or semester
- Threat notice – 9/6 in boys bathroom. Mark followed protocol. Categorized as non-specific, low-risk. Letter sent home to parents.
- Kathleen Boudhary inquired if safety curriculum from Family Con would be replaced anywhere. Jacqui Hickey noted suggestion.

Carol closed meeting at 10:10 and thanked attendees for coming.

Next meeting: October 5, 2011 @ 7pm

Treasurer – Evelyn Shreve

- PTO fiscal year 8/1-7/31
- Pie chart to appear in blast illustrating sources of funds and expenditures
- Distributed cash flow stmt dated 8/31
- Deposits will be reflected in sept. financials
- Welcomed comments/questions
- Reimbursement forms can be found on website-can drop in PTO mailbox in office or mail to Evelyn

ARCH – Gwenn Mascioli

- Provides info that helps parents help their children make healthy choices
- Gwenn invited everyone to attend meetings and webinars.

School Board, ISC, Diversity, BUILD-will report next month.

FLIGHT-Foundation for Learning in TE. Started 5 yrs ago.

"We would like to remind our community that FLITE (The Foundation for Learning in T/E) is a non-profit organization, started in our district five years ago by concerned citizens wanting to help ALL students in the district reach their potential. FLITE recognizes that some kids in our schools lack the financial or environmental support to achieve their best and aims to help these kids through program funding in the schools. To do this, we rely on grants, corporate gifts and individual donations from caring residents. For more information on how you can help, please visit their website at [www.flite-pa.org](http://www.flite-pa.org)."

New Business:

- Gwenn – Blast –broken down by # of emails that opened blast – further broken down by grade
  - PTO website-hoping to have website updated by holidays
  - PTO [email-temspto@gmail.com](mailto:email-temspto@gmail.com) - needs someone to manage.