

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Suzanne Jack

Libby Ruba

Judy Heilsnis

Anne Dube

Gretchen Hildner

Hilary Palonsky

Rozanne Todd

Laura Linton

Michelle Lombana

Linda Colhoun

Trish Strickler

Tammy Pressley

Barbara Green

Charlene Adler

Vicky Atherton

Ginny Merritt

Allan Ellzey

July 18 minutes were approved.

Principal Allan Ellzey introduced himself and welcomed the PTA. He mentioned he had been involved in the opening of Salem, and was looking forward to being back. He is looking forward to working with our children. He noted that Salem has set the bar for outstanding middle schools in Wake County, and welcomed the opportunity to lead the continued success.

VP Reports:

Operations: Tammy Pressley

Libby Ruba discussed the year round conversions of Elementary schools, which is likely to ultimately affect Salem Middle School. The selection process for year round middle schools is in process currently.

Services - Suzanne Jack – nothing to report

Cultural Arts - Ginny Merritt – Ginny mentioned we still need a Reflections Chairperson

Ways and Means – Michelle Lombana

Anne Dube – Spirit cards – the list of retailers is being completed

The logistics of counting magazine collections are being finalized. We need to start counting at 7:30 am. One suggestion is to have 6th graders turn in their envelopes to their homeroom teachers as they go directly upstairs. Collection bins would be labeled by homeroom and placed in the gym for 7th and 8th graders. Anne needs the class lists to complete the schedules to send to JH.

A discussion was held about one value card, one magazine subscription, and one \$10 donation all counting as one “sale” toward prizes. Because we remit \$5 of each value card sale to JH, we actually earn less on them. It was determined that it would be too complicated to change the prize structure or the price of the value card at this late date. However, this will be revisited prior to next year.

We need space for approximately 20 volunteers to count collections on Tuesdays during August.

The Kick-Off meeting with staff is scheduled for August 22nd and the official kick-off with students is August 31st.

Michelle L. noted that the Loop offers a program were we could give out coupons as you sign up to be a member of the PTA.

Spirit Wear - Linda for Trish – We changed vendors so the look of the spirit wear is changing. PE uniforms are a little less expensive- \$5 for a shirt and \$10 for shorts vs. \$6 for shirts and \$12 for shorts last year. Volunteers needed to sort Gym uniforms on 14th and 16th at 11:30 at the school.

Spirit night is Sept 26, place TBD

Vicky Atherton – membership, nothing to report.

Communications - Laura Linton

Linda for Rula - Newsletter – We currently publish 4 per year , one per quarter. Publication dates are Sept 25th, Nov 27th, Feb 26th, April 30th. Pulte Homes will advertise to bring in \$600 toward the newsletter. Deadline dates are Sept 15th, Nov 14th, Feb 16th, and Apr 20th.

Increased communication to the parents was discussed, and the need to promote the website more. We also discussed publishing a monthly calendar, with a weekly phone message reminding parents to look at the calendar. The first calendar will be passed out at the Meet the Teacher Nights.

Directories – Judy Heilsnis - We agreed we would keep it one per student, and extras are available if parents want more. They will be mailed to the students. There will be an opt out option for parents who do not want their contact info published, otherwise everyone will be included based on names, addresses in the student data base.

Art contest for the directories – entry forms for those that want to apply will be available though the art teacher as well as at the open house. Entries must be in the Hand in the front office by 9/22.

Start up packets – Gretchen Hildner – Wednesday August 16th to assemble start up packets in cafeteria. There are approximately 1300 packets

Treasure – Charlene Adler – reviewed the current budget

Principle's report:

Linda explained the PTA is taking over the ordering and selling of the student planners. In the future we will need a committee person to manage the process of ordering them.

Panther Creek money – we agreed to give Panther Creek \$500.00 for PTA start-up

Meet the teacher night – we need help selling spirit wear and memberships both evenings.

The August 15th orientation lunch for new staff will be catered.

The schedule for the rest of the year PTA meetings was distributed. They are the first Tuesday of each month; except Jan and April, in which case they will be held the second week.

Principal Report – Mr. Ellzey noted new staff orientation is Aug 15. There are 20 new members. They are closed to having all the students scheduled, and finalizing the 6th grade. Currently there are 1030 students and if we go to 1035 we will earn another teaching position.

Open House is scheduled for September 18 for 6th graders, and September 19th 7th 8th graders, both held from 6:30 – 8:30

The meeting ended at 8:35.