

**Salem Middle School
PTA Board Monthly Meeting
February 3, 2009**

1. Call to Order – the meeting was called to order by President Tammy Pressley
2. Attendance – the attendance roster was signed. Those in attendance were: Madi Krevat, Dianna Cooper, Hilary Palonsky, Jackie Carre, Jennifer Simis, Rula Khayrallah, Laura Linton, Doreen Salembier, Barbara Green, Rozanne Todd, Judy Heilsnis, Ines Mello Park, Tammy Pressley, Principal Ellzey
3. Approval of July 9, 2008 minutes
 - a. Peggi Smith took minutes at the last meeting and is sending them out via email. The minutes would be approved via email.
4. Communications – Barbara Green, VP-Communications
 - a. Newsletter - Rula Khayrallah gave a report on the newsletter
 - i. She is waiting for all the articles for the newsletter
 - ii. The newsletter will be online on Monday, February 9.
 - b. Directory – Judy Heilsnis
 - i. Directories went out to the teachers
 - ii. There were about 20 directories in the office and some of them sold
5. Operations – Hilary Palonsky, VP-Operations gave the report as follows:
 - a. Awards - Eileen Clute
 - i. Marsha and Eileen are working on volunteer awards
 - ii. Jennifer Simis reported on Reassignment
 1. The validity of the statistics are still being debated
 2. “Shift Happens” movies were shown at the meeting
 3. There is a meeting at Laurel Park Elem. about reassignment at 5:30PM. The meeting is open to all.
6. Services – Laura Linton
 - a. Rozanne Todd gave an update on Staff Appreciation:
 - i. The Cookie/Dessert Bar for the teachers was a hit
 - ii. There is more going on in April for Staff Appreciation
 - b. Grounds – Joel Green
 - i. The Carpool Loop is being worked on.
 - ii. The Veggie Garden is being taken care of by the Special Needs Class

7. Ways and Means – Dianna Cooper
 - a. Magazine Sales -
 - i. Dianna asked if we still wanted to pursue magazine sales and everyone agreed that it is still a good idea
 1. Need to work on timing, etc. for next time
 - b. Spirit Night – Ines Park
 - i. Namoli’s Pizza sales came out to \$104.00
 - ii. Future Dates:
 1. Z Pizza – February 16
 2. Dixie Belle’s BBQ – March 17
 - c. Book Fair – Carol Lalicker and Val Elgy
 - i. Dates are February 11 thru February 18
 - ii. February 18 is the Last Chance Café with the Jazz Band,, Blue Notes and Dance Team performing
 - d. Reflections – Jackie Carre
 - i. Clay Conners came in 1st in Wake County, won District 3 and is moving to the State. Yay!
8. Treasurer’s Report – Doreen Salembier
 - a. The budget was handed out at the meeting
 - i. One side has the YTD totals, the other side has the expenses and the checking account balance
 - b. The Instruction Grants fund was depleted but now it has ~ \$200.00 to use
 - i. One teacher may need a grant still
 - ii. Student grants had \$500.00, but we have already spent \$770.00 and we may need to spend more for Track 4 students.
 1. We can get \$\$ from other less used departments. President’s Report
 - c. Blood Drive
 - i. Date – Thursday, February 19
 - ii. Will provide Pizza for the team with the most parents signing up for the drive
 - iii. Part of the visitor’s section will be coned off for the Bloodmobile – there will only be one.
 - d. Nominating Committee
 - i. Laura Linton is the Chair of the Committee
 - ii. Need an odd number of people on the committee
 - iii. There will be a blurb in the SES newsletter and inserts will be going out to the Elementary Schools feeding into Salem Middle
 1. Salem Elem, Laurel Park, Turner Creek, Highcroft, Baucom, Mills Park, Briarcliffe, some Charter schools
 - e. Media Center
 - i. Debby Dupree made a request that the money used to bring in an author should go to buying books, by the author, for the classroom. Bringing in an author is expensive and the money could go to more classroom resource materials
 - ii. The PTA voted Yes to this.
 - iii. Neil Gaiman is the author that was chosen and the rooms will be reading *Coraline* and some others by him.

9. Principal's Report

a. Student Author

- i. Samantha McCleod wrote a picture book about her autistic brother
- ii. She was recognized by the school board.

b. Mr. Sherman updated the Web site.

- i. There is a slide show with music
- ii. There have been more hits on the Web site since Open House which was well-attended
- iii. The Reassignment plan is on the Web site. It shows parent options and has the track change request form.
- iv. We would like to encourage more use of the Web site. It is a great source of information.

c. Delegation from Denmark

- i. They will be in the US March 28 to visit partner schools. We are one of the partner schools.
- ii. The principal and teachers will be at Salem Middle April 1 thru April 3.
- iii. They will visit a truck fair on April 3 along with Salem Middle, Apex Middle and Lufkin Middle
- iv. They will also meet with the Superintendent
- v. April 2 Business Alliance Meeting at Salem Middle where there will be a breakfast for the visiting school team from Denmark
- vi. Bill will go to Denmark in June to build relationships

d. 8th Grade End of Year Committee needed – contact Tammy Pressley

10. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, March 3 at 7:00pm