

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Libby Ruba
Vicky Atherton
Michelle Lombana
Trish Strickler
Tammy Pressley
Charlene Alder
Barbara Green
Pam Bowman

Linda Colhoun
Allan Ellzey
Mona Harris
Rula Khayrallah
Mary Di Sano
Suzanne Jack
Kathy O'Bryan
Dan Godfrey

The October minutes were not approved. Clarification required on the budget regarding cultural arts.

VP / Committee Reports:

Communications

The newsletter deadline is Tues, 11-14. Please email Rula with any input.

The paperwork to opt out of the directory was mailed a week and a half prior to this meeting, with a delay in the mail service.

Operations

Terri Beresid won volunteer of the month. Her award will be left with Sharon in the office.

There was a short discussion on the new requirements for high school students graduating in 2010. A special project will be required that involves significant research and a final presentation.

Services

The school is currently involved in the quilt project which takes place during PE time. Cloth donations have been received by the schools from families, and are used to sew together quilts for those in need.

The students are also involved in a campus beautification project. They will be planting bulbs and spreading mulch. Discussion took place regarding bulb donations from various stores including Lowe's and Home Depot.

Staff appreciation – Lunch was provided for the PTA on November 10 in acknowledgment of Salem earning the “School of Excellence” Award. Salem is one of two middle schools in Wake County with this status. (Davis Middle is the other school).

Ways and Means

Spirit night at Dixie Belle’s November 14, 5:00 – 9:00.

The limo lunch for the magazine sales winners went well. The students were well behaved and had a great time.

Treasurer’s Report – There is a current over budget situation due to increased costs with the welcome packets. Linda is going to see what the process is to make a change in the budget and increase it.

Membership is up to 799 as of this meeting.

Discussion took place regarding the end of year party for the 8th graders. This is the first “graduating class” of Salem – students that will have been at the school for the entire 3 years.

President’s Report

Linda provided an update on the grant money, and where the money was used.

On Tues, November 28th there will be a special parent seminar on the topic of the internet and your child. It will be held at Salem, and several other schools have been invited.

There will be a Citizens Facility Advisory touring the school on November 28th.

There will be a Track-out fair held at Salem Middle early spring to help parents plan for the year round schedule. Sponsors of camps and activities will be there to provide information on options available to students during these periods.

Linda met with the president of the West Lake PTA, which is a year round school to understand differences on operating a PTA on a year round vs. traditional schedule. Parents cover for each other during tracked out periods, and weekly communication occurs via email using a listserv system.

Principal's Report

Allen Ellzey thanked the PTA on behalf of the staff for all the time and effort that goes into supporting Salem Middle School.

Mr. Ellzey explained he will be forming a year round conversion committee to ensure we have the benefit of knowledge from the leading year round schools. Although he values the relationship with Lufkin Middle he would like to expand our reach to understand best practices from other schools as well.

Teachers will have track assignments in early December. There will be an informational meeting for parents by grade in January.

The next PTA meeting is December 5 at 7:00.

Minutes: Barbara Green