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PTA Minutes, October 7, 2008

In attendance: Hilary Polonsky, Melissa Wood, Dianna Cooper, Eileen Clute, Laura Linton, Ines Park, Joel Greene, Allen Ellzey, Doreen Salembier, Rula Khayrallah, Mary DiSano, Jenny Cass, Melissa Otto, Val Elgy, Tammy Pressley, Jennifer Simis

The meeting was called to order by Tammy at 7:05. The minutes were approved.

Communications: Rula announced there is a Nov 5 deadline for the next newsletter. Directories will be available around the middle to late October of this year.

Operations: Melissa Otto won the award for volunteers this month. She received a large mum plant. Logistics on kids voting was discussed. It was agreed voting through the social studies classes would make sense. Track 3 will vote 10/16. District 8 meeting are held 4/year. The next one is at Baucom on Oct 13. Reflections: Laura was not present but sent an update via email.

Services: Staff appreciation - Jersey Mikes was served on early release day. It was well received by the staff. The pantry will be stocked this month with donations.

Ways and Means: Magazine sales are done. The first limo lunch has happened and the second was planned for the week of Oct 6<sup>th</sup>. The final figure is not yet available. Spirit wear: We have enough money to preorder zip up hoodies. Spirit night made \$150. From Z Pizza. They would like to do more events with Salem. Rita's Italian Ice held a spirit night at the last minute for Salem. We made \$22.00. The next events are Nov 13 at Chick Fil-A, and Jan 13 at Anmoli.

Grounds: Joe has suggested a work day on Saturday for grounds projects. Ideas include ways to create more shade, add picnic tables and plant more trees and bushes before spring. Some of the special ed kids are interested in creating a garden which they will then maintain.

Treasurer report: Reviewed the budget and addressed questions.

President Report: We still need a liaison for the business alliance. The next meeting is scheduled for Nov 4<sup>th</sup>, but will be moved to Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> due to the elections.

Tickets for Harlem Wizards are selling slower than expected. They plan to be here at lunch times to promote the event.

There is a blood drive scheduled for SMS on Feb 19<sup>th</sup>.

Principal report: We were able to buy new computers with combined PTA and Student Council funds. Wake County gave us a break in pricing where we paid the first \$1000. And they paid the rest.

Minutes written by Barbara Green, VP Communications