

Linda called the meeting to order at 7:05

In attendance:

Libby Ruba
Trish Kane
Vicky Atherton
Michelle Lombana
Trish Strickler
Debbie Dupree
Jennifer Tuttle
Tammy Pressley
Charlene Alder
Barbara Green

Linda Colhoun
Allan Ellzey
Anne Dube
Mona Harris
Linda Ackerman
Rula Khayrallah
Laura Linton
Mary De Santo
Suzanne Jack
Gabriela de la Serna

The August 8 minutes were approved.

VP Reports:

Communications – Laura Linton

Start up packets were assembled and went out to students.

Directory sheets went out in start up packet. There is 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. Forms for the art contest for the directories are available in the office. They are due 9/22, and will be judged off campus. Mr. Ellzey will include a reminder in his next phone message.

Rula reported the newsletter deadline is 9/15. It will go out on 9/25.

Libby Ruba, Legislature - School board voted for conversion of 19 elementary schools to year round, including many of the elementary schools that feed into Salem Middle. On Tuesday, September 12, the board will continue discussions on possibly converting some middle schools to the year-round calendar. Salem Middle is one of the schools being considered. The board will hold a public hearing regarding the middle schools at 7 p.m., Thursday, September 14; the location is yet to be determined.

Linda Ackerman – Grants, nothing to report

Cultural Arts – A discussion took place of possible book speakers, and a program called one book one school. We also discussed the possibility of moving the Salem Reads program out from under cultural arts, and becoming a separate line item. There is interest in adding additional seating to the auditorium to accommodate an entire class.

Hospitality – The new chair is Gabriella de la Serna

We still need a reflections chair.

Ways and Means, Michelle Lombana

Anne Dube, Magazine Sales – We completed our first collection day for magazine sales. There has been a great response from parents to help. We are currently ahead from where we were last year at this time. There are still two more spots left on the spirit cards.

Vicky Atherton, Membership - 694 PTA members as of now this year. Mr. Ellzey wanted to know how many staff members have joined.

Mona Harris, Spirit Night: The first one is 9/26 at Ralph's Italian Ice, from 2:00 – 10:00. There was a request to publicize the event in the phone update, and through the teachers.

Trish Kane, Spirit Wear – There has been a strong demand for Spirit Wear with a lot of orders. Inventory is currently on backlog. The supplier has mentioned the possibility of a rebate due to the long lead times.

Book fair – nothing to report

Charlene Adler, Treasurer – Charlene reviewed current budget.

President report – Linda Colhoun

Linda mentioned she purchased 5 calculators for students that couldn't do it themselves.

We have a social worker on campus that works with our students as needed. She is looking for an easier way to provide incidentals for kids that don't have the right supplies. She currently pays out of pocket and gets reimbursed. We discussed the possibility of a Target gift card, or trying to understand what type of items are needed and purchasing them in advance to have them on hand.

We agreed to maintain the existing lunch account for students that need lunch money because their account ran out.

Linda expressed the need for a parent to be on the Leadership Team. Libby volunteered.

Staff shirts – Life Touch offered to purchase staff shirts. The process of handling the funds will show \$2000 going through the PTA to pay for them.

We were reminded that this week is Custodian appreciation this week – a basket was dropped off in the morning.

Linda has information on the upcoming school bond if anyone would like them.

The Great Expectations leadership conference will be held in Knightdale 9/26. It is sponsored by Wake PTA. There are a series of seminars you can sign up for.

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

Principal report - Mr. Ellzey reported an excellent start to the new year. Our opening went very smoothly with no issues. He once again reiterated his excitement about being at Salem and part of such a great team. He encouraged the PTA to provide any information on announcements to him in advance, either via phone or email at: aellsey@wcpss.net.

The next PTA meeting is Oct 3 at 7:00.