

Salem Middle School
PTA Board Monthly Meeting
October 6, 2009

1. Call to Order/Introductions – the meeting was called to order by President Angela Greene. Introductions were made.
2. Attendance – In attendance were: Principal Ellzey, Amy Thomas, Angela Greene, Debbie White, Dee Deanhardt, Doreen Salembier, Jackie Carre, Laura Linton, Rhonda Riley, Stephanie Cessna, Ursula Karazin
3. Approved August and September minutes
4. Postponed voting of Amy Thomas, nominee for Secretary due to not enough members present. Needed 20 votes, will send email for voting process
5. Communications – Dee Deanhardt, VP-Communications
 - a. Newsletter/Web site – Stephanie Bagwell
 - i. Newsletter deadline is Nov. 5th posting on Nov. 9th
(stephaniebagwell@nc.rr.com)
 - ii. The first quarter edition of The Scroll is available on the PTA website
 - b. Directory- Anna Johnson
 - i. Directories have been sent to teachers to distribute to students
 - ii. Need to order more directories so families can purchase additional copies for \$5 and have some available for new students
 - c. Membership- Rhonda Riley
 - i. Membership totals are “just shy of last year” and still coming in. Total as of meeting: 906
 - ii. Oct. 15th was deadline with the state for totals
 - iii. Attaching membership card to directory for ease in distribution to each family
5. Operations – Laura Linton, VP-Operations
 - a. Student Awards- Stephanie Cessna for Marsha Johnston
 - i. Discussed duplicate awards given at Salem and will combine in the future. Students will be nominated by teachers from each team for Spartan Student of the Month award. Parents of selected students will receive a post card to inform them of selection, and the student will be invited to celebratory breakfast at school and receive certificate.
 - ii. Money designated for this program will be used to buy certificate paper and pay for celebration breakfasts.
 - iii. Spotlight on Students award will be awarded in April 2010 this includes breakfast for each team represented. Winner will go to Board of Education for presentation.
 - iv. A suggestion was made to contact local news agencies such as Cary News and Apex Herald to further publicize student awards and achievements
 - b. Kids Voting- Laura Linton
 - i. Melissa had sent out email requesting volunteers to work the Kids Voting booth at Cary elections on October 6th. Due to lack of volunteer availability, the booth was canceled for this election event.
6. Services – Ursula Karazin, VP Services
 - a. Staff Appreciation – Maria Johnson, Theresa Rubes
 - b. Reflections – Jackie Carre

- i. There are no entries at this time, an email reminder will be sent
 - c. Cultural Arts
 - i. The next Cultural Arts event will be November 17th
 - ii. Angela Greene is working with committee to streamline SOP's including having students sign in upon arrival at school and secure background checks for all performers and volunteers
 - iii. United Artists have cut back on grant money by around \$200-\$300. This organization picks locations for events in early spring. A suggestion was made to begin plans for next school year in early spring as well.
- 7. Ways and Means – Maria Hoopes, VP – Ways and Means
 - a. Harris Teeter currently has 252 links which is considerably more than last year. A reminder that the program only covers Harris Teeter brand items.
 - b. Magazine Sales – Dianna Cooper and Debbie White
 - i. Due to misunderstandings, rewording of the explanation sheet for magazine sales was necessary.
 - ii. 1 unit = \$10.00 donation.
 - iii. Due to size of student population of Tracks 3&4, students had more questions and parent confusion occurred.
 - iv. Team is going to meet and discuss positives and negatives of the growing fundraiser. Areas to focus discussion include: limo ride, website for magazine sales, teacher participation, and track combination for sales.
 - v. \$30 magazine sales = 1 ticket where as a \$30 donation = 3 tickets
- 8. Treasurer's Report – Doreen Salembier
 - a. Budget sheets were distributed during meeting.
 - b. The 8th grade field trip allowance voted on at the August meeting netted \$926.63 towards the trips.
 - c. Magazine sales were \$4000 over budgeted income
- 9. President's Report – Angela Greene
 - a. Angela offered to help any committee streamline processes and structures.
- 10. PBS Presentation – Terri Barasee
 - a. Thank you to all volunteers who have assisted with the copying room. The “copy mom” program is running very smoothly.
 - b. SMS is adopting a long term program called Positive Behavior Support or PBS. The goals of PBS are to:
 - Foster a positive school climate
 - Reduce problem behavior
 - Improve the academic performance of students
 - i. We are in the planning year of the program and it's being organized by the 11-man PBS team which consists of administrators, teachers, guidance counselors and a parent which is me. WCPSS is offering quite a bit of training for us and we're learning a lot as we move along.
 - ii. Some of the initial steps to this process are:
 - Collecting data through a variety of sources
 - Determining our most problematic behaviors and where there occur
 - Creating school-wide expectations which will be taught, modeled and positively reinforced

10. Principal's Report

a. Announcements

i. If anyone has announcements, email Mr. Ellzey and he will put in a plug for them on the Thursday phone announcements.

b. Thanked PTA and parent volunteers for assisting on September 10th when Josh Shipp spoke to students.

c. Salem is now in the second quarter and beginning plans for next school year.

d. Growth of school continues with current student body right at 1350, an increase of 30 students since cut off for state funding of 10th day of Track 4. Due to growth was able to secure a new position and started student guidance elective.

e. Some students will be transferred to Mills Park Middle School when it opens in July 2010.

11. The meeting was adjourned. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 3, 2009 at 7:00 PM.