

Beth McNamara opened the meeting at 9:36am.

#### STUDENT REPORTS:

Student Council representative Emma Santoro reported:

- Student Council will be sponsoring a character education lesson on May 1. The students will have an in-classroom lesson to raise disability awareness.
- Student Council wants to raise fund for Autism Awareness; the details of that fund raiser have yet to be worked out.
- Today was Hat Day to raise funds for a 6<sup>th</sup> grader, Russel, and his family to help with medical expenses.
- The next social will be May 18<sup>th</sup> from 3pm – 5pm. The theme is a “luau” and the Kona ice truck will come. There will be basketball and other sports.
- Mr. Davis requested \$450 to pay for sports footwear (cleats, etc.) for kids who cannot afford to purchase it for themselves. Student council approved the expenditure.

NJHS: Induction May 2. Nothing reported.

#### ADMINISTRATION REPORTS:

PTO Teacher representative Mrs. Payne thanked the PTO for assistance in preparing for the Eagles pep rally. It was a huge success and garnered great press for the school.

Principal's report, Mr. Majikas reported:

- PSSA's – Math testing ended yesterday. Make-up testing going on today. Science testing will be next Tue. and Wed. for 8<sup>th</sup> only.
- There was a great Best Buddies event at CB last night with students from all three schools participating.
- May 2 - NJHS Induction
- May 8 – Spring Band Concert
- May 18 – Social 3pm – 5pm
- Construction
  - Last phase of the school year to begin the first week of May. In preparation moves start this weekend with the upstairs classroom furniture, followed by the downstairs classroom, then the lockers, ending with the walls. A total of 23 moves will be completed. Due to the location of the next phase of upstairs construction in relation to the only elevator, construction will stop at predetermined times and an adult will accompany children on crutches, etc. through the construction hallway to the elevator.
  - Summer phase has been cut by 10 days due to snow days and early return for teachers in August. It will include the 7<sup>th</sup> grade hallway which has asbestos that requires abatement.
  - The stage floor in the auditorium is complete.
  - We are still waiting on the screen, lighting and sound for the auditorium, but have been able to make due in the interim.

- The flooring of Gym B is next to be replaced. Scheduled dates May 1-14. During this time boys' gym classes will be held on the fields, or in Gym A in the event of rain.
- The flooring of Gym A will be replaced after field day.

Mr. Rebh, vice principal – not in attendance

#### OFFICERS REPORTS:

VP/Fundraising, Sue Deutsch reported:

- Concessions sales after the May 8 Band concert and May 24 Chorus and Orchestra concert will happen in the cafeteria. Students will be dismissed to the cafeteria after the concert to meet their parents, this eases congestion in the hallways for a safer and more enjoyable end of evening.
- A sign up genius will be up shortly for volunteers to help with concessions for both events.

VP/Communications – Shana Hastings: nothing to report.

Secretary – Sharon Bove not in attendance.

Treasurer – Corri Workman: nothing to report. See Treasurers report.

PAC representative – Tabitha: last meeting cancelled and not to be rescheduled.

#### COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Teacher/Staff Appreciation

- Friday May 11
- Food setup in teacher lounge, eating area setup on the stage
- Sign up genius will go up soon for donations
  - Suggestion not to include a dollar amount for financial donations, let the family decide
  - Suggestion to accept gift cards to pre chosen local businesses
- As per staff preference will be bringing in lunch, not breakfast
- Will provide a hot lunch and salad, likely from Non Solo Pasta
- Ask staff to bring in a Tupperware dish on the day to bring home leftovers
- Bus drivers are not included as they serve all three schools and have a hard time getting into the building.

Boxtops – send them in please.

Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night 5/2 and 5/3 4pm – 8pm

- Just tell them you are with Pennwood.
- Sending the flyer to all the feeder elementary schools.
- Michelle Smith will post a link to the flyer on the ER PTO page.

Sunshine committee is done for the year and the open chair position has been filled.

#### Mixed bag Design Fundraiser

- Orders are in and will be distributed in OP today!
- Sale last 3+ weeks due to multiple snow storms causing delays.
- Change in calculation of funds distribution. In order to get the highest return 50% the school had to sell the same number of items and the number of catalogs ordered. We did not meet criteria.
- 27 families participated
- total raised \$1597.39
- There are still some samples left available for purchase at ½ catalog price.

#### Gift Card Bingo – 5/11

- There will be a planning meeting at 10am at Sue's house.
  - Finalize food, gift cards to be purchased, number of volunteers needed
  - Already have the screen, the computer, the software, & the Bingo cards
- Flyers will be sent to the feeder elementary schools next week.
- Student council help requested for volunteers.
- Karen offered any extra Bingo supplies after her upcoming event.
- 50 people signed up so far.
- Plan to set up in the library.
- Mr. Majikas will emcee.

#### 8GH

- Painting help needed Monday and Wednesday nights from 7pm – 9pm. Please use the sign up genius (on the PTO website) so that you can be contacted in the event of any changes.
- The dance will be held in Gym B, not the cafeteria.
- There won't be black light in the gym unless it is purchased or rented
  - Pricing for black lighting? (concern for storage)
  - Pricing for renting?
  - Is black light necessary?
  - Query lighting the DJ can provide.
  - 8<sup>th</sup> graders can request songs in advance and the DJ will check for appropriateness before the dance.
  - Due to fire code every 3<sup>rd</sup> light must remain lit.
  - Ticket pricing increased from previous cost of \$5 to \$10. Discussed as to whether this represents a hardship for too many NO decision on this yet.

#### Social

- The social was a great success.
- Ping pong nets and balls will be ordered in advance of the next social.

Discussion of the lack luster support student council students have received this year from staff.

Chair Appreciation Night – 7:30 on 5/17 @ Jennifer Burgfechtel's house. Invitations with details will be sent.

ONGOING:

Box Tops - Jennifer Burgfechtel: Please continue to submit

McCaffrey's & ShopRite receipts – Suzanne Watson: McCaffery's submission today

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Open chair positions: Michelle Smith volunteered to co-chair the Social Committee with Krista Milewski

Request for PTO to cover the cost of fish food approved.

No School 5/15, 5/28; ½ day 5/25

Last PTO meeting of the year May 24 9:30am in the Student Dining Room. Incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents invited.

Talent show is still going to happen, date will be after the upcoming concerts (TBA).

Carolyn Fogel: Gently used baseball and softball equipment collection to be sent to Puerto Rico will take place Sat. April 28<sup>th</sup> at the PHS varsity home game (rain collection site will be the East gym).

Meeting adjourned at 10:35am.