PENNWOOD PTO Meeting

September 10, 2015 – 9:30 AM Student Dining Room

Meeting was called to order at 9:35 by Lisa Gayle. A total of 25 people were in attendance.

Principal Aldridge reported the following:

1. Early dismissals are sometimes unfortunately necessary due to the hot temperatures within our building. Exhaust fans are working to remove the heat as best as they can.

During days with increased temperatures, students are permitted to carry clear water bottles.

- 2. AM drop off location procedures will be changing. More information will be disclosed during the October 8th PTO meeting. Meeting will be held at 7 PM.
- 3. We are still working to improve our home access center through our web site.
- 4. Volunteer clearances will be reviewed by Mrs. Aldridge on Monday from 8-10 AM and Tuesday evening from 7-8 PM.

Clearances from other organizations that meet state requirements will be accepted.

All volunteer clearance information is available on our web site.

Parents coming for our PTO meeting are not required to have a background check.

A feedback form was presented by the principal and parents are asked for their input.

Vice Principal Mr. Majikas had no report

NJHS Advisors Aubrey Mellor and Jackie Gallelli

Any questions or comments are asked to be directed to Ms. Gallelli (jgallelli@pennsburysd.org) as Ms. Mellor will be out on maternity leave.

PTO Teacher Reps Mrs. Pursell and Mrs Payne

Thank you to the students that completed their tri-fold summer reading assignment. Certificates of merit will be given in the form of gift cards from Top It and Subway.

Barnes and Noble night will no longer provide book talks at our school as they have in the past. The summer reading list will be available and a table will be set up for those books the night of the event. More information will follow in the later months.

Mrs. Payne and Mrs. Purcell have thanked the PTO for all of their hard work and support each and every year. They are currently working on getting donations from staff members and are happy to report they get close to 100% contributions each year.

Student Rep Eve Crosson reports

Many exciting things are being scheduled for student council, more information to follow in the coming weeks.

Officers & Committee reports

Lisa G. reports information about PAC (Parent advisory council) meetings will be disclosed at a later time. The monthly edition of the Pennwood Post has been discontinued.

A volunteer is needed at each PTO meeting to stand at the back door entrance to record names of people entering the building and issue them a name tag. The names will be brought to the office for retainment.

Lisa is asking all volunteers at school events to please obtain a lanyard name badge for identification purposes. They are located in the PTO closet.

A new spirit wear vendor has been found by Sally G. This year we will be offering different shirt and ink color merchandise. For more information please log on to our web site and look for a flyer that will be coming home with the students. Ordering deadline is 9/25.

Our October 8 meeting will at 7 PM. Parents are asked to enter the building by the boy's gym.

Shana H. reports the PTO web site has been updated, as well as a new Facebook page added this year. Both can be found by logging onto the school website.

Sally G reports urging parents to get their clearances and to please volunteer for events or clubs within our school and has thanked all of the volunteers in the past who have given their time.

Lisa Z reports the allocation of our funds and for what they are going to be used for this year. She is also requesting that if anyone has placed mail in our PTO mailbox addressed to the treasurer to please email her at lawacki@outlook.com to give her a heads up.

Box tops for education chair Donna P. reports she is looking to have drop off bins placed at public locations such as Old Country Buffet and maybe some senior centers as well. She has asked Mrs. Aldridge for her assistance with some of the contests.

Please refer to our school website for upcoming school event dates and time.

The meeting ended at 10:48 AM.