

**STUART R. PADDOCK PTA  
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING  
May 21, 2009**

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**Date and Place**

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on May 21, 2009. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM and asked the room to make introductions for everyone new and old.

**Minutes** (Susanne Glazbrook)

Minutes from the April 21, 2009 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Linda Steck motioned for approval. Jill May seconded the motion.

**Treasurer's Report** (Linda Steck)

The Treasurer's report dated "May 21, 2009" was presented. The report will be filed for audit.

**Correspondence** (Jenny Kendall)

A numerous amount of thank you's from teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week were circulated and read.

**Principal's Report** (Guy Herrmann)

Summer Reading program invitees met this evening also. Students are given four books to keep for the summer to read. Coaches(teachers) contact the students throughout the summer by phone, or meet at the library, use postcards, or email to communicate and discuss the books. This program is created and used so that students keep reading and not loose what has been learned within the previous year. There is a party at the beginning of the new school year for children who read the required books. The program has been very successful in the past.

The Walk a Thon will be held on Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. All funds collected go through D15 foundation and are put in the Paddock account and used as needed. A percentage goes to the actual foundation to keep it up and running by volunteers. The foundation serves many functions such as scholarships to teachers for program development, individually and groups of teachers in buildings or across the district. Green research from teachers in the district has been ongoing due to application and acceptance of grant monies.

The Pledge of Allegiance will be delivered by the 'Girls on the Run' program from Paddock at the next Board of Education meeting on Wednesday. The program practices running a 5K while promoting confidence and healthy habits.

At the Board meeting, Mrs. Lindsey will be recognized before her retirement at the end of this school year.

Also at the Board meeting, there will be two informational presentations. The first is on summer school programs. The second, being presented by Mr. Herrmann is on 21<sup>st</sup> century teaching and learning and what it looks and sounds like. The district is not looking at technology as the answer, but rather an important piece of the decision making process that is interwoven into curriculum. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is re-writing curriculum.

Teachers are taking summer time and creating lessons to make technology more engaging to students. The district is deciding how best to use the earmark money from President Obama in the next school year on technology in order to be ready 5-10 years from now. New, faster servers are being implemented to speed up computers in the school to start. Plans are being made as money comes in from the government.

Mr. Herrmann gave a 10 minute demonstration on the technology we already have.

**Legislation Report** (Terri Norris)

None

**Board of Ed** (Vicki Wilson)

-New roof this summer.

-Recycling on agenda for June 10<sup>th</sup> meeting.

**NWSC News:** (Jen DeFranco)

- There is training for all board members. At Educational Service Center: Road to Success is June 9<sup>th</sup>; President's Course is June 11<sup>th</sup>; Money Matters is June 16<sup>th</sup>; PTA and the Law is June 18<sup>th</sup>. Usually 6 – 9 pm. Sessions are paid for by the PTA. June 9<sup>th</sup> course is a great introduction to the ins and outs of the PTA and why things happen.

-Volunteer of the Year is Carol Barry and she was honored at the NWSC Spring Fling on May 18<sup>th</sup>. She thanked all for nomination.

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**Old Business:** (Jen DeFranco)

-We are still trying to fill the following positions: Cultural Awareness, Health/Safety Awareness, Wellness/Fitness Awareness (YMCA event on Feb. 19<sup>th</sup>), and School Carnival Chair– if you know anyone interested or someone who would fit one of these roles well, please let us know ASAP

-Budget Committee Members include incoming/outgoing President(s), Incoming/Outgoing Ways and Means, SCRIP, Spiritwear, Incoming/Outgoing Treasurer, Principal, Mana B. (at large)-to set date in July for meeting

-Audit committee members include Nancy Trenkle, Erica Ariagno- NEED ONE MORE MEMBER to audit books- July meeting date TBD by Committee. Lisa Brinston volunteered.

-Plans of Work, Budget Requests, End of Year Reports due **June 1<sup>st</sup>**. Plan of Work is needed to plan a budget for '09-'10 school year..

-Expenses for the year due by **June 12<sup>th</sup>** at the latest to Linda Steck.

**New Business:** (Jen DeFranco)

-Calendar Cover Contest Vote- We voted on 22 pictures that were consistent with the theme Imagine More... Over 60 total entered.

-Panther Press Deadline for August mailing is July 20<sup>th</sup>. Please send to Vickie Murphy.

**Committee Reports**

Teacher Appreciation – Thank you to everyone who donated food items or their time to help make a successful Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you to students who also participated in teacher activities that week.

Fun Fair – Need lots of volunteers to work at games. We hired a company to run it, but we still need volunteers to run the games. Tickets are for sale now, costs less in advance. On sale through Friday, May 22<sup>nd</sup>. Sign up sheet was passed around for volunteers.

Book Club- We are doing 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> grade book clubs next year in the fall and winter. The author being read is coming in (Wendy Mass) and a possible lunch will take place. Teachers will be asked to read aloud to their entire class a book by the same author. Students will meet during lunch and give up recess. We are looking for parent volunteers to help during those meetings to help with student-led questions. Questions are also available to help get conversation going. There is no limit to join. The club had 24 4<sup>th</sup> graders this year. JR Great Books meets for 45 minutes once a week. Thank you to Miss Rhodes and Panther Press for spreading the word. After seeing what Paddock accomplished, Whitely wants to start one also.

**Announcements:**

Thank you from Darcy and Jen to all members who took over positions. Thank you to Executive Board outgoing: Linda Steck, Teja Kics, Susanne Glazbrook, Mike Steck, Jeffrey Phillips, Jenny Kendall, and Terri Norris. A special thanks also to Sandra Hirsch and Patti Wiczorek-outgoing 6<sup>th</sup> grade parents. Lastly, a thank you to Darcy Killigrew-Co-President the last two years including a number of other roles for years. Thank you to the teachers and their great communication role.

**Installation of Officers for 2009-2010**

Introduction of new members included-Jen DeFranco, Gina Brinckerhoff, Teja Kics, Jeffrey Phillips, Darcy Killigrew, Jenn Hurwitz, Linda Steck, Mr. Herrmann, Mrs. Barry, and Mrs. Johansom.

**Upcoming Events:**

Fun Fair – May 30

Field Day – June 1 Rain date- June 3

Sixth Grade Breakfast – June 4

Sixth Grade Picnic- June 5

Last Day – Monday, June 8 – (½ day Kindergarten, Friday, June 5) this fulfills state minimum of 178 school days

**Adjournment**

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:20PM.

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**Approved:**

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Jenn Hurwitz,  
Recording Secretary