

STUART R. PADDOCK PTA
MINUTES FROM THE BOARD MEETING
September 15, 2009

Date and Place

The meeting was held in the Paddock Resource Center on September 15, 2009. PTA President Jen DeFranco called the meeting to order at 7:19 PM.

Minutes (Jenn Hurwitz)

Minutes from the August 20, 2009 meeting were presented and approved, as read. Manjit Bhasin motioned for approval. Lisa Brinston seconded the motion.

Treasurer's Report (Linda Steck)

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

Panther Press(Jen DeFranco)

The Panther Press deadline for an October publish date is September 25th. Please send all articles in Word documents to Vickie.

Correspondence (Jenn Hurwitz)

The PTA received many thank you notes from the teachers and staff for their \$25 gift card for teaching supplies for the year, as well as, baby gift cards that were sent out for new births.

Principal's Report (Guy Herrmann)

The year has started and is running smooth except some transportation issues. Mr. Herrmann is trying to put his "two cents" in to help smooth the transportation issues Paddock parents are having. Paddock made adequate yearly progress last year and all subgroups made the cut off for meet/exceed with the ISAT testing. All 3rd-6th graders took the test. Paddock did not make the AYP the previous year and this year Paddock had a 70% AYP. This upcoming year, the bar has been set at 77.5%.

Over the summer, the roof had leaks and was patched. During the patching process, carpeting was ruined in some areas and replaced. An all air conditioning unit was replaced, yet some feel air is still not working in all places.

The circus is coming to town this weekend(Fri and Sat.). 4,000 tickets are left unsold. Each school is trying to sell 200 tickets by Friday. The tickets are \$12 each.

There will be no external flyers solicited in backpacks this year. The district has started an eflyer policy. Organizations must have flyers approved by district, then they will be scanned or emailed and sent out through their system and their website. Each school will keep a handful on hand in case of no email access by parents. The only paper form flyers will come from Paddock. Weekly newsletters are sent via email by the district.

Legislation Report (Darcy Killigrew)

None.

Board of Ed (Vicki Wilson)

Vicki not present.

Jen De Franco reported that at 9:05, the transportation talk finally stopped. The rest of meeting only lasted 20 minutes and there really were not any solutions.

NWSC News: (Jen DeFranco/Gina Brinckerhoff)

1st General Membership is September 21st at Sundling @ 6:45pm (Teen Sex Seminar at 7pm)

Jen will remind you if you need a reminder if you are going. Sign in under Paddock at the 6:45pm meeting.

There is \$11,000 of standing money that the NWSC has and they want to find a program that the entire district will benefit from. This options seems unrealistic, therefore Paddock and other schools are suggesting that the \$550 each school would get should be given to the school for them to use as they see fit on programs that are in need. A vote on this will happen in November.

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Paddock is hosting the next President's meeting on October 5th. Anyone who is interested in providing treats for that meeting, please let Jen or Gina know.

There are positions open for the Spring Fling. Anyone interested in volunteering more time, let Jen know.

Jen is on the nominating committee for cabinet positions next year.

District 37 awards dinner is October 19th. The PTA covers the expense if you would like to attend.

Old Business: (Jen DeFranco)

Thanks to those who attended training last month.

eScrip-turn in registration forms to the box in the main office

New Business: (Jen DeFranco)

Nominating Committee-looking for members for this year(This was also discussed previously at the General membership meeting)

Building Use Forms to be given to Tamara and Mr. Snook. Building form and PTA form (both need to be turned in)

CostCo tax exempt now applies and is available. Please make sure you take a form with Jen's signature on it.

Committee Reports

Reading Club(Jill Meier)-There is a meeting at 12:15 this Friday for volunteers. Volunteers will supervise a group 1 day a week for an hour.

Spirit Wear- 162 pre-orders were turned in and orders will be handed back out in about 5 weeks.

SCRIP(Jenn Hurwitz)-The SCRIP program this month was very successful. Paddock parents purchased over \$8,000 in gift cards and the PTA made a profit of \$457 just for the month of September. Thank you to all who are continuing to participate in this monthly fundraiser. The winning teachers for the \$25 Wal-Mart gift cards are Ms. Lannert, Mrs. Uhrich, and Mrs. Rosenbarger.

Ways and Means(Jen/Gina)

On October 24th from 1-4pm, our yearly PTA fundraiser will be held at Brunswick Bowling in Deer Park. Tickets are \$10 pp, which includes a minimum of one hour of bowling, bowling shoes, 2 pieces of pizza, and a drink. This is a family event and all children must be supervised. There will be a raffle and silent auction just like last year and the PTA is looking for donations. Teacher raffle tickets will also be sold ahead of time for people not able to be there. Look for order forms for the raffle tickets around October 2nd. The entire bowling alley has been rented out for the afternoon. Families will be assigned shifts to bowl if there is an overabundant of families attending.

Fun Run(Julie)- Money has already been coming in for early pledging and is due on Friday. On September 23rd is the Fun Run and all monies must be turned in by September 29th.

Julie is also taking on the Fun Fair duties and she has spoken with the owner of the business we use and the date has been set for May 22nd from 1-4pm.

Arts Integration(Jill Meier)-Paddock has entered into a partnership with the Metropolis in Arlington Heights. A Paddock teacher in each grade level will be partnered with a performing artist for the subjects of Science and SS. The Metropolis artist meets with the grade level once a week for a month and introduces either story, dance, or theater within that subject. Ms. Madsen and Mr. Zielinski will be brought in to integrate this learning across curriculum and throughout the entire grade level. Kindergarten and 2nd grade begin in October.

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Electronic Communication(Susanne Glazbrook)- Approved postings for news and events will go out in one email on Fridays, so parents don't feel like they are receiving too many emails. If you need something to go out before a Friday, please contact Susanne. Any suggestions or corrections for the email/bigtent system, please contact Susanne also.

Safety Hands(Manjit Bhasin)-Safety Hands has been canceled. The program was not working because many people who made the cut didn't follow the rules. The program was meant to encourage children to find "safe houses" if they were in trouble, deemed by the hand in the window. 5th and 6th graders internet safety program can be an add on with officer friendly if approved. Abduction awareness program available also. Internet safety is Oct 20th at Walter Sundling.

Reflections(Erica Ariagno)-Beauty is.... Is this year's topic and entries are due Oct 23rd. The categories are visual arts, photography, dance, and creative writing. Forms will be available electronically.

Holiday Arts and Crafts(Lisa Brinston)-The Holiday Arts and Crafts morning is being held on November 7th from 9-11am. Volunteers will be needed. The vendor fair is being run by Gina Streepy. If you know anyone that would like to be a vendor, please let her know. The 5th and 6th grade chorus will also be singing before the General Membership meeting at 9:30am.

Announcements:

RC volunteers started this week.

Adjournment

With formal business concluded, Jen DeFranco adjourned the meeting at 8:03PM.

Approved:

_____ Date

_____ Jenn Hurwitz,
Recording Secretary