

JT Moore PTSA Meeting – February 14, 2008

Attendance: Terri Patton, Mary Kay Kroeger, Margaret Pond, Becky Sharpe, Betsy Schaffer, Francie Hunt, Nancy Porter

The meeting was called to order at 7:07 pm.
The minutes from the January meeting were approved

Becky Sharpe presented a draft of a letter to send to prospective families about the benefits of attending JT Moore.

Francie Hunt the director of Stand for Children made a presentation about the purpose of this organization. STC is the only organization in the state that lobbies for children to get funding and resources for public education. Their goals include boosting the graduation rate. The two most effective ways to accomplish this are through positive behavior support and teacher quality. McGavock HS has started a program called "Make a Change" which keeps students who are suspended in school and learning in an attempt to avoid them dropping out. STC is also working on a pay differential plan as an incentive to staff hard to staff schools. They are working on organizing "Friends of Metro Schools" which is a coalition around school funding.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Pittman was unable to attend the meeting as she was at the boy's basketball tournament game. Terri reported that there has been a staff change in the 5th grade. Mrs. Leslie will take over for Mrs. Bobo. Ms. King has been hired to fill the 6th grade teaching position.

President's Report- A short discussion was held regarding PTSA Board openings for next school year. Terri suggested that for next year we have an information chair. This position would help facilitate the gathering and distribution of information to our families. Currently there are 60 families in the 5th grade who are not on the list serve. Many of these families are not getting vital information we are trying to send out.

Treasurer's Report- Stewart Vines was unable to attend the meeting but provided the P&L report for January. The financials were approved. The copier expenses still are over. A meeting with the copier company was held to try to figure out why we are being charged for so many overages. The contract might need to be changed. Terri brought up the possibility of adding sky lights to the rooms that have no windows. This could be done when Metro is putting on the new roof. Funds of \$15,000 would need to be raised to cover the cost of the skylights and the installation costs. The discussion was tabled for next month's meeting due to low attendance.

PTSA vs. PTO- The online voting should take place soon. Bylaws from Glendale will be reviewed to see if we can use them as a template for new PTO bylaws.

Carnival- A sheet was passed around to see if anyone knew people at various businesses that will be targeted for sponsorship

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The meeting was adjourned at 8:20pm