

PHSO

Parents Helping Students Organization 2009-2010 Minutes, November 17, 2009

1. The meeting was opened by co-Presidents Georgette Wilson and Ann Larson.
2. Secretary's Report was corrected and then approved
 - a. Secretary was directed to forward minutes to be posted on PHSO website
3. Treasurer's Report—submitted and approved with one correction. In future: itemize memberships and donations and track specific donations to those intended expenses.
4. Old Business
 - a. Open House –This year there was some confusion as Open House began in the new gym. Anne Burns passed out PHSO flyers to those in attendance. PHSO forms were not sent out to freshmen parents this year as everything is now electronic. Discussion of possibly sending out with 4th term report cards and/or have Kerry Vye at PMS email to all 8th grade parents at the end of the year. Possible committee chair to handle this for next year?
 - b. School Improvement Team – Teachers would like parents to attend these meetings. Parents can contact Kaylin Johnson to get on the SIT email list. SIT is currently working on how to reduce drop out rate and keep students engaged.
 - c. Other Old Business - NA
5. New Business
 - a. PHSO Bylaws - Anne Burns would like to form a committee to work on bylaws and have a draft version complete for March 17th and a final version completed for a May 19, 2010 vote.
 - b. Committee Chair Reports
 - i. Conversations with College Freshmen-Barbara Russell-Willett
Need to check with Barbara to be sure this is ready to go.
 - ii. Substance Awareness Night- Liz Morley
“Standing for Students” meets 1x per month in Guidance. All parents are welcome. Parents group is held 2x per month with Ray Davis acting as chair. The focus is on prevention, support and parents awareness.
“Life of the Athlete” will be used with a national speaker hired by Mr. Lunny. This speaker goes to all area schools and the cost is approx. \$800-\$1000 for full program. Speaker dates have not been set as of yet. . There are currently mandatory parent/athlete meetings with Mr. Lunny, who in charge of all student athletes.
Liz is currently scheduling resources for Substance Abuse Awareness night and is looking for help from anyone interested.
 - iii. Book Awards-Sue Burghouwt
Liz Morley will laminate all bookmarks this year.

Books Awards will be held on April 28, 2010. Last year's budget was \$1,495 for books plus expenses. There will be a follow up meeting specifically for Book Awards.

- iv. Senior Project-JoAnn Santos (looking for a co-chair)
Nothing to report at this time.
- v. PHSO Scholarship: Anne Burns
Anne Burns is working with Mike Monahan regarding criteria and need. Scholarship will be set at \$250 and May 1st will be the submission deadline.
- vi. Faculty & Staff Appreciation Breakfast-Susan Lewis and Doranne Borges
Nothing to report at this time.

6. Remaining PHSO Meetings for 2009-2010, PHS Faculty Lounge-Door #13, 6:30 p.m.

- a. Wednesday, January 20, 2010
- b. Wednesday, March 17, 2010
- c. Wednesday, May 19, 2010

7. Georgette Wilson Adjourned the Meeting with thanks to all participants for a successful meeting.