

PTO Roundtable Minutes 9-19-08

Date:	9-19-08	
Time:	9:00am	
Location:	PLE Library	
Attendance:	Kirsten Bell – President	Deb Ristow – PLE Principal
	Debra Tuttle– VP ASA	Sandie Carter – Horizon Principal
	Brad Schlaikowski - Treasurer	Randy Daul – Asa Clark Principal
	Debbie Mistele – Corr. Secretary	Several PTO Members/Parents
	Amy Farrow-Guest Speaker	
	JoAnn Sternke - Superintendent	

Introductions:

- Current board members introduced themselves.
- Kirsten went through Parent Volunteer Kit

Guest Speakers:

Amy Farrow-Bullying

Adult World- everyone likes some control and/or power

Kids World: - they don't usually have this control so they want it. If they do have it they don't know how to use it.

The job of parents and teachers is to give them a positive leadership role
ie: run notes to the office, etc.

You can't change a personality...every child is different.

Solutions:

- Ignore the behavior
- Tell them to stop without using negative words
- Model to your kids-be a positive force
- Parent to Parent involvement

School News:

Deb Ristow: Prin PLE

- Theme: Wild About Learning
- New kids to school district
- Over 800 enrolled
- Addition of 4K
- Overwhelming 5K kids
- Board will be gathering data
- 100 4k students and 180 5K students
- 10 new teachers
- 18 moves throughout the building
- John Vitale-Associate Principal

John Vitale- Asst. Prin PLE

- B.U.G. (Being Unusually Good)
- Be safe-be kind-with everyone

- Earn stickers/Drawing
- Classroom and Lunchroom specials: Earn 15 BUG stickers, then 3 bug bucks, can save or spend

- New Security Badges at front desk for visitors

Sandy Carter: Horizon Prin

- 40 new students
- Theme: Team Horizon
- Mascot changed from Hawks to Pirates
- 6th grade goes to Asa for Band, Tsch Ed, and Home Ec
- New band teacher
- New 4th grade teacher
- Non fiction reading/writing: analyzing assessments to include higher level thinking
- Constructive response
- Kids should write what they're thinking

Randy Daul: Asa Prin

- Higher standards for non fiction reading/writing
- Transition from elem to high school – electives – schedules
- Events supported by PTO:
- Scoreboards purchased by PTO
- End of Oct-Track and Field-record boards to be installed
- Student Lunches: sit down with new students, have lunch, make sure they feel comfortable
- Student Advisory Group:
 - Red Ribbon Week-make good choices
 - Veterans Day Assembly: Character Counts
 - identify achievements
 - drawings and prizes
 - making good choices

Joanne Sternke: Superintendent

- Congratulations to PTO on their award
- Thank you for the partnership
- Introduced Mrk Hanson-Dir of Curuculum and Instruction
- John Gahan-Asst. Superintendent
- Primary Focus on:
 1. Academic Achievement
 2. Student Citizenship

Mark Hanson: Dir of Curuculum and Instruction:

- Taught and coached in the district in the 1990s
- 3 areas:
 - Curriculum
 - Instruction
 - Achievement
- World Language
 - Non Fiction Writing
 1. what do we need to do?
 2. what are we doing?
 3. how do we get there?

John Gahan: Asst Superintendent:

Stretegic Planning Old/New Committee

-17 subdivisions

-10 year facility plan-where could everything go if we do move forward

- facilitates right now-who uses, gym time
- safety/security for 2400 students-use of badges

Joanne Sternke again:

Communication:

- through surveys
- identify with alumni
- go more paperless
 - picked up calendars-did not send
- message over phone lines
- citizenship

PTO: summary of activity

1. Award made possible from previous board and parent involvement
2. paperless-see PTO website
3. chairperson training Aug '08
4. fundraiser-Great American
5. Festival of Learning:
 - 1/4 of PTO budget
 - how to get the message out there
 - staff helps tie into curriculum
 - currently at PLE and Horizon
 - renaming contest
 - parents can attend the programs-see website
 - underground railroad-blast from the past-Diane Conway
6. 2 Hour Pledge:
 - 630 volunteers vs 553 last year
7. Great American Fundraiser
 - online ordering all year and we get portion of sales-reminder to parents in spring
8. Budget-Brad
 - Total income \$70,000
 - went thru budget
 - surplus request because of fundraiser which was very successful

Roundtable-from parents

- new fundraiser-country spring (handout coming home)
- parent series-topic: bullying
- curriculum/grandparents night-not on calendar
- different fundraiser: Stacey Newcomer spoke on ideas. Concluded that one major one is best

Adjourned at 10:22 am