

Centennial Middle School PTA

Meeting Minutes

December 2, 2008

Call to Order & Attendance:

- Meeting was called to order by Debi Parker at 6:33 p.m. on December 2, 2008.
- In attendance were: Debi Parker (President), Bert Jones (Secretary), Jerry Meschke (Principal), Phyllis Lateral (Treasurer). Amy Jones (Vice President) and Mary Bradley (Volunteer Coordinator) were absent.

Approval of Minutes:

- The previous meeting minutes from October 7, 2008 were reviewed and approved.

Treasurers Report:

- Treasurer handed out the financial report. There were some outstanding checks. Two were identified by President Parker as being received, and should be cashed shortly. There was a \$99 check for Science Teacher Request that we have no other information for. PTA members will search their files for any identification of this request/check.
- Principal Meschke informed us that Wordman would be cancelled this year, so that outstanding request paperwork was returned to him.

Principal's Report:

- Conferences – Went very well this year. Teachers made accommodations for parents; they made sure that no parent was turned away due to time constraints. Principal Meshcke noted that it can be a difficult transition for 6th grade parents, who are used to more face time with their child's teachers and how the Middle School conferences are held. Administration is always looking for ways of improving how conferences are handles. He did note that with all the forms of communication available, it seems that conferences are not the most important or only way for parents to receive information on their student's progress.
- President Parker brought up concerns about the Parent Portal and how long it can take teachers to post grades from assignments. Principal Meschke addressed those concerns and provided some insights regarding Parent Portal.
- The school received a request for information from the Minnesota Education Academic Foundation (MNEAF). This is an award for school in which they are recognized by the State Department of Education. Information requested is various academic data and letters from parents. Information must be turned in by December 8 and announced by January 9. In researching the information the school did find that they scored very high in terms of academics.

Volunteer Coordinator Report:

- Volunteer Coordinator was absent, no report given.

Old Business

- **Silent Auction/Bingo** – The permit has been approved and mailed. Unsure to which address, but President Parker will be on the look out for it.
- **Angela Ross** will coordinate our business donations.
- Callers are secured
- Mary will be emailing out the request for baskets to the Advisors. Phyllis brought up, that as a parent, she hadn't heard anything regarding basket donation. Jerry/Mary could send out an email on listserv to boost basket donation participation.

Questions about CMS PTA? Visit our web page at <http://www.centennial.k12.mn.us/cms/pta.html> or
Contact the Volunteer Coordinator: mbradley@isd12.org.

- Minutes respectfully submitted by: Bert Jones, Board Secretary

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- We are still researching raffle prize options.

New Business

- **Dr. Worner** – Dr. Worner is visiting with all the various PTA & PTOs in the area. We can either have him come here and invite all parents to attend the presentation, or send out his schedule of appearances at the other schools and encourage attendance.
- It was mentioned that other schools PTA/PTOs have higher parent participation/attendance than ours. Perhaps look into ways of promoting more attendance in the middle school.

Announcements & Next Meeting:

- Tuesday, January 6, 2008 @ 6:30 P.M. in the CMS Staff Lounge.

Meeting Adjourned

- The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.