

Minutes from September 17, 2009 PTF Meeting

**Welcome and Opening Prayer**

- Mrs. Smith opened the meeting in prayer. President Michelle Seals called the meeting to order at 7:05 introducing Board Members

**Minutes-Susie Moore**

- In response to the survey feedback, it was decided not to review minutes at meetings to allow more time for discussion. If there are any questions regarding previous minutes, they will be discussed and answered

**Treasurer’s Report-Donna Mailhot**

- Account balance as of 9/15/09 \$11,530.26
- Outstanding commitments: (\$0)
- Available Funds: \$11,530.26
- Fundraiser Summary: Save Mart Shares (August deposit) \$670.02  
E-scrip rebate (August) \$70.17

Item	Month	Amount Approved	Amount Paid	Outstanding Commitment
School Cast	April	\$800	\$787.50	\$0
Scrip to have on hand	August	\$2000	\$1,419.90	\$0
Oriental Trading – Classrooms	August	\$600	\$576.24	\$0
Flash Drives for Teachers	September	\$100	\$68.77	\$0
Yaker Tracker			\$68	\$0

**Student Council Update/Cougar Den information-Mrs. C. Smith**

- No Student Council yet – packets are due Friday. Wednesday will be speeches and Friday the students will vote
- October 20 is the Student Council Leadership Conference
- Apparel order will be in next week
- The student store now offers a Cougar Club Card. Purchase the card for \$20, it has a value of \$22
- Store hours are 8:45 to 9:15 every day except Wednesday
- The goal for the store this year is to get a refrigerator
- The store will donate shirts for the Washington DC trip

**School News-Teresa Smith**

- New at WVCA: School Cast, which is a “Rapid Alert and Notification System” that enables the school to reach parents through a variety of popular communication methods and devices including: landline phones, cell phones (voice and text), fax machines, emails, pagers and PDA’s. Most communication will be sent via this system
- Use the crosswalk during drop off & pick up, rather than walking through the middle, this is for the safety of all
- Teachers now have email: initial of first name, last name and then @wvcatracy.com
- Big thank you to Frank Frasula who spent hours over the summer to set up the computer system and emails Loaded educational sites per the teachers’ requests. Frank is the reason we have money left over from last year
- All portable ramps were replaced over the summer due to a manufacturer recall
- New drinking fountain will be installed next to the portable at the end of the sidewalk
- Uneven sidewalks were fixed
- The awning on the playground, which was vandalized over the summer, was replace – no charge. Company replaced free of charge when they heard what happened
- School pictures were taken, retakes will be Oct 28
- New flooring in cafeteria and kitchen. Mr. Leanos volunteered to put in and pay for supplies, we paid for labor
- Soccer and Volleyball season begins Monday, Oct 21
- Teachers, support staff, aides were CPR/First Aid trained and certified in August
- All students that need to be sent home due to illness will wear a facemask

**Parent/Teacher Survey Highlights-Michelle Seals**

- Meeting minutes/PTF newsletter online – access through website
- What Fundraiser do you like: Holiday Store, Car Show and Dinner, Box Tops, Teacher Appreciation Week
- What would you like to see money go towards: Online grading system, school supplies, computer programs such as math and science
- What can we help teachers with: treasure box items, Clorox wipes, flash drives
- Teachers are happy with communication between parents and teachers
- Teachers would like to address the class craft project – would like to eliminate the class craft project

### **Box Tops- Nancy Frasula**

- 1356 box tops were collected over the summer
- Money raised: Last year: \$1,600, previous year: \$300
- One of the goals is to get a dunk tank for the end of the year. Already have teachers willing to get dunked
- Save Mart: if you buy 10 box top items, you get an additional 70 box tops, if you buy 5 box top items, you get an additional 25 tops. Ends Sept 30
- Please cut the box tops and write students name on the back for the prize give away at Chapel
- A Box Top banner has been ordered.
- Please sign up on the box top website.

### **Misc./Fundraisers**

- Staff Birthday coordinator needed: Medora offered to take on the responsibility of staff birthday cards. Approved money for gift cards for birthday cards
- Some Fundraiser ideas: More restaurant fundraisers, possibly Kinder's restaurant, See's Candy. We are looking into other fundraisers
- Mrs. Smith made it clear that no one has to participate in Fundraisers (for example: Skyrocket), it is not required
- Scrip: Tammy explained that scrip cards are just like a gift card, except the school earns a certain percentage of the total amount of the card. The office has a few scrip cards on hand: Starbucks, Walmart, Safeway

### **Most Parents in Attendance**

- This month's winner: Mrs. Howard with 54% in attendance
- Number of parents in attendance: 45

### **Closing**

- Mrs. Smith closed the meeting in prayer
- Meeting adjourned at 8:05