

Proposed Springman Attea PTA Minutes

October 6, 2009

**In Attendance:** Yuko Aimi, Mary Alonzi, Melinda Boustakakis, Sandy Brennan, Kristi Carroll, Ana Cassorla, Kristin Daus, Susie Feldstein, Christine Gauvain, Robin Hinrichs, Heather Hopkins, Cheryl Kasner, Kay Laurie, Laura Nekola, Carrie O’Gara, Meg Phelan, Candy Pullano, Liz Skweres, Marcy Sotirchos, Judy Wolf

**Call to Order:** Candy Pullano called a short meeting to order after the very informative Turning Points presentation.

**Secretary’s Report:** Minutes were read and approved. **President’s Report:**

0. **Turning Points:** Candy Pullano asked the board to get the word out to other parents about the October 20<sup>th</sup> evening Turning Points presentation as this information is so useful. She asked for feedback. Board members agreed that the information was very interesting and timely. Suggestions were:
  0. Have more examples relevant to middle schoolers although parents also felt the high school examples were beneficial
  0. Would like a technology education session separate from Turning Points
  0. Would like more information about sexual behavior among middle school and high school aged kids
0. **Board Position Reports:** Liz Price will be working on getting all board members to provide a report on their job. Candy stressed the importance of documenting and creating a time line for each board position.
0. **Via Gelato Fundraiser:** Families and school staff are encouraged to eat in or order carry-outs on October 16<sup>th</sup>. Via Gelato is very generously donating 20% of profits that day to the PTA.

**Treasurer’s Report:** A motion was made to approve the budget and it was approved.

**Principals’ Report:** The Turning Points Presentations preceded the meeting.

**Wish List Report:** Kay Laurie reported the Wish List committee will have recommendations to be voted on at the November meeting. The committee will meet October 20, 10:30 to noon, location to be determined. (The meeting was later changed to October 27.)

**Book Fair:** The chairpersons are excited about the new vendor Anderson, who offers a full range of offerings for the whole family and a much better selection for middle school kids than last year’s vendor. The book fairs will kick off with a teacher’s breakfast on Tuesday 7:30am to 8:30am and will run through conference day.

**Canned Food Drive:** The food drive coincides with Character Counts and Red Ribbon week. Incentive contests are being held at each school and families will be encouraged to bring canned goods to conferences.

**FOCUS:** Kristin Daus reminded everyone that the deadline for article submission is the Friday after the PTA meeting. The Focus is published the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of the month. An email blast will go out when the online version is available. She and Cheryl Kasner are working on getting the paper version of the Focus distributed by the teams to the kids.

**Health and Safety:** Judy Wolfe reported that fire drills are still a concern at Attea. The fire and police departments met to determine what is necessary to bring the limited ability

and wheel chair bound children out of the school in a real emergency. Attea does not have wheelchair accessible entrances. Springman is ramped.

Judy also reported children in the NSEED program at Attea are making and posting handwashing signs in all the Attea bathrooms. She suggested that small bottles of hand sanitizers be added to next year's supply lists.

**Environmental:** Mary Hershey is still accepting orders for the water bottles.

**Parents in Partnership:** Carrie O'Gara announced the Parents in Partnership seminar is November 7<sup>th</sup>. The keynote speakers are Lauren Bondy and Karen Jacobsen will present "Helping Our Children Develop Good Judgment, Integrity, and Other Essential Virtues." After the presentation, parents can choose to attend 3 break out sessions from a wide variety of subjects. A continental breakfast and free child care is available.

**Adjournment:** The next meeting will be held November 3rd at 9:15am at Attea Middle School.