

Mt. Vernon PTO Board Meeting Minutes

September 14 ,2009

Attendees:

Claire Shoemaker
Stephanie Usery
Michael Waters
Robbie Robison
Connie Daniels
Rebecca Fisher

Meeting convened at 4:05 PM

Claire Shoemaker opened the meeting

The Board introduce themselves to Kris Erwin, Kathleen Brown, Jill Baumgardner, and Lisa Farmer who were in attendance representing the Arts in School Committee.

Kris updated the board on the status of the Arts in the School Committee. Kris explained to the board that Kathleen and her wanted for someone else to take over the commitment of the committee. She also brought up several issues that needed to be addressed to ensure the Arts in the School would continue to be a success in the future. Both Kris and Kathleen agreed to help with a smooth transition to the new committee members. Jill said that she would be interested on continuing to serve on the committee as long as she had help. Lisa Farmer also showed interest in serving on the committee. It was suggested that we take a year off but the board decided it was a great fundraiser and it was good for the kids. The board agreed to go out and find other parents that would be willing to serve on the committee.

The board approved the 2009/2010 Budget that will be presented at the PTO General meeting Thursday night for approval. Michael made the motion which was seconded by Robbie.

Claire gave the board an update on the Fall Festival. She indicated that the funds were slow coming in this year. She made a motion for them to use some of the PTO's existing funds to get the projects started until additional funds were received. Michael seconded the motion and the board approved.

The board discussed implementing a Playground Upkeep Committee. Connie said that she has ordered mulch for the playground that the school system would pay for it. It was suggested that we get parent participation instead of using the school's custodians to perform the work. Connie and Michael suggested trying to get the high school to volunteer through the Renaissance Program to help with the actual work. The board agreed to establish a Playground Upkeep Committee. Connie agreed to send out a request for parent volunteers to serve on the committee.

Claire discussed with the board about the agenda for Thursday's General PTO Meeting

Connie Daniels gave a principal update:

Connie told the board that the school will be visited by SACS on Tuesday October 20th. They will want to interview several parents during their visit.

She plans to use a power point presentation during our General PTO Meeting Thursday night. She plan to put the questions that will be asked by the SACS team in the presentation.

The school, through a grant written by Mrs Crompton and Mrs. Daniels, will be receiving 40 Apple I Touches. They would be used in the class rooms to help educate our students.

Connie has updated the schools needs list and will email it to the board.

Connie wanted to increase the dialog between the school and our school's business partners.

Claire wants to make sure that we advertise what the PTO does for the school this year.

Stephanie asked if the Promethean Boards were being used by the 5th grade teachers. Mrs Daniels informed us that they were.

Next Meeting: October 19, 2009 at 4pm

Meeting was adjourned at 5:15PM