

September 2008 PTSA Meeting

The first meeting of the 2008-2009 school year was called to order by President Colleen Joyce with a warm welcome to everyone. Introductions were made by all. In attendance were: Phyllis Wasko, Lauri Harder, Diane Corcoran, Jill DeSalva, Kim Breda, Lisa Weggeman, Pat Berry, Pam Robey, Mary Pat Cieri, Candy Wood, Peggy Palmer, Joelle Malec, Alice Smith and Julia Pemberton. From the Administration and staff, Mr. Tom McMorran, Ms. Gina Pin, Ms. MaryAnn Sheehy, and Mrs. Anne Kipp.

PRESENTATION

Alice Smith, new president of the Redding Education Foundation made a presentation to the group sharing information and the mission of REF. She invited all to attend their meeting on September 16th at 9:15 AM.

HEAD OF SCHOOL REPORT

Mr. McMorran gave an overview of the administration changes: Fifteen new licensed teachers, staff of ninety one, and four new para professionals. One goal this year is to try to make functions more transparent to the community as well as make the school more efficient in the way it is run. Mr. McMorran also shared details about an assessment being done by the Science Department and explained to the group the Tri-State Performance Indicators. The administration in the science department will self-evaluate their own program and as whole they will work on how to make a good program even better.

Gina Pin, Assistant Principal, was introduced and spoke to the group. She has been very involved in orientation and training of new hires.

Mary Ann Sheehy, Dean of Students and Director of Student Activities, was introduced as well and has been working on 2 big projects: building a transition team with the middle schools and working on activities to get our students more involved.

Ann Kipp, Interim Assistant Principal, spoke to the group a little about the re-structuring of guidance and about the two open houses coming up at Barlow. Questions were taken by all.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Explanation of meetings was addressed by Colleen. We planned speakers/topics to have at the next 4 PTSA Meetings. Discussed the idea of holding a meeting in the evening one month this year and the idea of having a PTSA member at all JBHS events---Sports Meetings, Theater and Music Meetings, Open House, etc.

COMMITTEE REPORTS...

TREASURER

Mary Pat went over the budget as it stands for September and touched on few bills yet to be paid and some encumbered funds. Mary Pat is following up on getting a bulk mailing discount for the PTSA.

ARTS FOUNDATION

Chair plaques have been put on but is ongoing if anyone is interested. We have approximately \$2,500 in our account.

OLD BUSINESS

Please send in volunteer forms.

NEW BUSINESS

We need bakers for Open House. Please contact Peggy Palmer.

MINUTES

The June meeting minutes were reviewed and approved (Robey/Corcoran).

The meeting adjourned at 11:15. Next meeting is October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Lauri Harder
Recording Secretary