

PTA Minutes - September 22, 2009

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Principal Troy Monroe opened the meeting by introducing administration and attending staff.

- Looking for PTA leaders- President, Vice-president, Secretary....Mrs. Ramos is Treasurer
 - ✓ Suggested that votes be taken at Open House
 - ✓ PTA brings in programs
 - ✓ Provides activities
 - ✓ Helps Student Activities account
 - ✓ etc

Assistant Principal Matt Daly gave snapshot of School Opening

- First three days PBS Expectations
- Students wrote goals and took RAM Challenge (for reading and math)
- 4th day a Dance Troop from NYC performed for all teams

Assistant Principal Dena DeJulius spoke of the Kick-off Fundraiser- Partylite Candles

- Money will be divided between teams
- 50% profit
- Candles sent directly to students

Mrs. DeJulius also gave an explanation of SRBI (Science Research Based Intervention)

Guest Speaker- Brian Colletti

- Raises/trains/breeds *police dogs*
- Looking for fundraiser possibilities to split with Illing
 - ✓ Turkey Day Race pledges
 - ✓ Open to any and all ideas

General Information

- Student Led Conferences Nov. 17, 18, 19- Mr. Monroe explained process
- Open House Oct. 6th for 7th grade @ 7:00 p.m.
- Open House Oct. 7th for 8th grade @ 7:00 p.m.

- *There will be a 6:30 p.m. self-guided tour of the Unified Arts Classes on both evenings
- Teams will be encouraged to create BROCHURES to hand-out with helpful information at Open House

- **MOYA (Month of the Young Adolescent)** was discussed
 - ✓ October 2009
 - ✓ Bullying and Harassment Assembly- guest speaker will be Calvin Terrell- hoping for parent gathering as well
 - ✓ High School Fair
 - ✓ Parent / student interest seminar on health & sex education proposed by parents to be determined (tbd)

- **Principal Advisory Committee-** parents/teachers/parents
 - ✓ Looking for parent volunteers- diverse members
 - ✓ Past outcome of committee-survey for better communication
 - ✓ Will be fed
 - ✓ 4 to 5 meetings a year
 - ✓ Look for description and meeting dates in newsletter

- **School Uniform Dress Committee-***exploratory* committee being established
 - ✓ To be implemented 2020-2011 school year
 - ✓ Not School Uniforms-no ties but rather a "uniformed dress" for students
 - ✓ Have color scheme of clothes
 - ✓ Passed around sign-up sheet for those interested

What questions/concerns do PARENTS have?

- Possible Program on Health and/or Sex Education
- Email addresses from Illing Middle School site is not working properly- go through Board of Ed site which works well
- SchoolNotes.com- not mandatory for teachers but some teachers do use this service

- **Suggestion- In addition to Student-Parent Handbook located in students' planner maybe we can create a one page synopsis of important numbers/information for parents to keep at home. Example: Nurse's Office, Guidance. Attendance Office, Main Office.....school calendar, delayed and shortened day schedules, etc.**

Staff Attendance-

Suzanne Coles	Amy Alejandro	Mrs. Ramos-Treasurer
Beth Werner	Cathy Kapa	Approximately 25-30
Pat Cerins	Dena DeJulius	parents
Sandee Piasecki	Matt Daly	
Steve Fitzgerald	Troy Monroe	