

ANN ARBOR PTO COUNCIL
SEPTEMBER 17, 2007 MEETING
MINUTES

Attendees:

Abbott	Eve Burnham	brettburn@juno.com
Burns Park	Andy Thomas	athomas@med.wayne.edu
Carpenter	Nakisha Chaney	nakisha.chaney@yahoo.com
Community	Julie Mosbey	jul@middlekingdom.net
Eberwhite	Mark Davis-Craig	mad@umich.edu
King	Lily Au	auwaiching@hotmail.com
Pittsfield	Marsha Skoman	mssd@umich.edu
Tappan	Martine Perreault	emperreault@comcast.net
Wines	Peggie Hollinger	peggie.hollinger@gmail.com

Guests: Sarah Ashbach, Ruth Blackburn

1. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. Minutes from the meeting were not available for discussion or approval..
2. Members of the PTO Council introduced themselves and provided information regarding their prior experience with PTO, as well as their expectations.
3. Mr. Davis-Craig provided an overview of opportunities for Council members to participate in school board meetings and how to access information from the District's web site.
4. Ms. Ashbach and Ms. Blackburn gave a presentation on the "Farm to School" program being implemented throughout the District. This project is intended to educate students regarding where food comes from, create a link between schools and local farmers, and provide fresh, locally grown food as a lunchtime supplement. Fresh fruits and vegetables are made available at no cost to students, whether they purchase lunch at school or bring lunch from home. In addition to providing educational opportunities and improved nutrition choices, the "Farm to School" program represents a fund-raising opportunity to local PTOs, who can arrange for the purchase of locally grown produce and farm products.
5. Ms. Mosbey announced that the PTOC purchased bagels for district bus drivers on the first day of school. The treasury is in solid financial shape, no significant expenses are anticipated for the coming year, and for this reason, a decision has

- been made not to charge individual PTOs dues for participating in PTO Council this school year.
6. Current PTOC officers introduced themselves and provided a brief description of their responsibilities. Nominations for officers for the upcoming year will be accepted at the October meeting.
 7. A suggestion was made that attendance might be improved if child care were provided during PTOC meetings. Mr. Davis-Craig will attempt to line up some National Honor Society high school students to provide care as a service project for next month's meeting.
 8. Ms. Burnham noted that "Walk to School Day" is coming up. She related the efforts at Abbott to secure a crossing guard at Geddes, and wished to thank Superintendent Todd Roberts for his assistance.
 9. Ms. Chaney expressed concern regarding the absence of school nurses at elementary schools and the need for them to assist children with severe food allergies, diabetes, etc. Mr. Davis-Craig responded that this would be placed on the agenda for a future meeting.
 10. It was noted that there has been a problem posting PTOC minutes to the district web site. Mr. Davis-Craig will investigate.
 11. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m. .

Respectfully submitted

Andrew Thomas