

Parent Advisory Committee (P.A.C.) Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, September 26, 2012

Mr. Allen Mack called the P.A.C. Meeting to order. In attendance were Allen Mack, Colleen Woolley, Casandra Carsey and Mary Jacobs.

Secretary's Report – Mr. Mack thoroughly discussed last month's secretary's report. Mr. Mack stated the meeting minutes are on the district's website under Miami East Junior High, then Parent Information then under PAC. No corrections were made and secretary's report was approved.

Treasurer's Report – Mr. Mack reported the transition from Michelle Coates to the new P.A.C. Treasurer Colleen Woolley is in the process and hopefully completed soon.

Due to the small group, it was decided to wait until the October P.A.C. meeting to continue the Election of Officers. P.A.C. still needs a Vice-President and Secretary.

Old Business:

- School Fundraiser – Mr. Mack report that the fundraiser will end on Monday, October 1, 2012. In the past, we usually receive most of the student's fundraiser orders after the deadline date. Mr. Mack feels it is going well but won't be able to tell until Monday. The profit from the fundraiser is 40% and will be split between P.A.C. fund and the principal's fund.
The delivery date is scheduled for Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 11am-1pm:
 - We will need parent volunteers during the day to help with delivery
 - We will need parent volunteers during the evening for pick upThe reward assembly with Rick Smith Jr. for participating students is scheduled for Monday, November 12, 2012.
- Student Directory – Loretta Taylor is handling the student directory this year. She has all the names and is working on entering them into the spreadsheet. Goin' Postal will make the copies at .75 cents per directory. The student's will receive a directory at no charge.
- Operation Grade Card/Staff Meal – The next parent teacher conferences will be held on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 from 3:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. The end of the first nine weeks is Friday, October 26, 2012. The fundraiser items will be ready for pick up during the conferences. There are 20 teachers and will try to spend \$70 to \$90 for the meal. We will need a parent volunteer to handle the staff/teachers meal. This will be finalized at the next P.A.C. meeting.
- Student Rewards/Incentives – Blue/White Ticket Program –
 - Blue Tickets - students with A's and good attendance after each grading period will be entered into a drawing for gift cards. Loretta Taylor and Casandra Carsey are working together on getting the gift cards. They will be asking for donations at local

vendors. A donation letter was completed and should be used. We will need a total of sixty (60) \$10.00 gift cards. The gift cards need to be at school by the end of October. We will have the first drawing the first week of November.

- White Tickets – students can earn white tickets for doing good deeds. This drawing is held bi-monthly. Students can receive Miami East Viking Apparel or gift cards. Linda Westgerdes has agreed to help get additional gift cards if necessary.

New Business:

- Market Day Plans – We have agreed to collaborate with the Miami East Elementary PTO on this fundraiser with P.A.C. receiving 30% profit of the sales.
- School District Tax Levy Renewal – On Tuesday, November 6, 2012, there will be an opportunity to continue Miami East's strong educational system and the tradition of Viking Pride by renewing an expiring 3.5 mill operating levy that has been in effect for 25 years. The renewal levy does NOT increase taxes. There was a paper handed out at today's parent teacher conferences along with the student's Interim Progress Report. If anyone has any questions, please have them contact Mr. Mack or anyone at the Board of Education.

Other Discussion Items:

- The 6th grade Muse Program will be held on Monday, October 8, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.
- Mrs. Finkes is focusing on Anti-Bullying, Kindness Notes and Harassment Prevention with the students. Harassment Prevention continues to be a school-wide focus at Miami East Junior High. In August and September, Mrs. Finkes will present classroom programs to all 6th, 7th, and 8th grade students. All programs focused on the prevention of bullying, on-line safety, and Rachel's Challenge.
- Rachel's Challenge – We have applied for a \$4,000 grant from the Troy Foundation and the Miami County Foundation to cover the cost of implementing Rachel's Challenge in our school again in the late fall. We have received \$2,000 from the Troy Foundation so far.
- Chain Links Project – This program is designed to spread kindness in our school and started with the original Rachel's Challenge. Students have been divided into 4 groups and have begun meeting with Mrs. Finkes and Mrs. Shaw.
- Mr. Mack reported academically this school year is going well. We have added a new Title 1 aide who is federally funded at no cost to the district.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next P.A.C. meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at 7:00p.m.