

Thoreau Middle School PTA Board Meeting
May 25, 2010 – Noon at Navy Federal Credit Union Cafeteria

The meeting was called to order at 12:30 p.m. Navy Federal Credit Union who provided us with a wonderful lunch prior to the meeting start. In attendance were Gay Campbell, Nancy Socher, Bill Tesch, Carey Sienicki, Michelle Sanford, Tracey Zillian, Mark Greenfelder, Amy Currin, Debbie Bacigalupo, Donna Bobalek, Jill Hecht, Julie Hirka, Kristene Fisher, Laura Skoff, Linda Colbert, Patricia Shields, Renie Richie, Nicole DuBar.

1. The Secretary submitted meeting minutes for review. A motion by Tracey Zillian and seconded by Nancy Socher was made to accept the minutes with the following amendment: add Nancy Socher to the attendees of the April 19, 2010 meeting. The motion was seconded and the minutes were passed.

2. President's Report:

- Gay thanked Navy Federal for hosting us for lunch.
- A 2009-10 summary of the accomplishments and goals for the TMS PTA was distributed. For next year increases in Community Service and Parent programs will be the goal. Board members were asked to review and contact Gay with additions.
- The June 16th General Membership meeting (election) will be held before the Band event at 6:30 PM at Madison HS (**please note:** this is a change in venue and date).
- Bob Simmons will retire after over 20 years of service. Maureen Alonzo will provide a memorial landscaping tree, and Ms. Reick will have students create birdhouses and a memorial plaque will be placed. Linda Corcoran will also retire and a gift certificate will be given to her for her years of service to the students..
- A motion was made to give up to \$8000 to the school for use in purchasing equipment. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. Treasurer's Report:

- Treasurer's report was reviewed and accepted.
- The TMS PTA will be transferring the bank account to TD Bank (*for longer banking hours and coin counting capabilities*).
- School Store has met 120% of target (thanks to gum and mint sales).
- **Special Note:** Please submit all expense reimbursement and deposit requests by the last day of school and promptly deposit ASAP, so the bank account can be readied for the audit, taxes and transfers can take place.

4. Principal's Report:

- Gum sales at the school store will be stopped (due to teacher input and janitorial issues).
- The Chorus Field Trip at Hershey Park was a disaster. Letters from other school's principals, staff, etc. were received about student behavior in the concert, park and while watching other performances. The Spring Chorus Concert will be cancelled as a result. Perhaps a few students will participate with the Orchestra. Choral teacher, Mrs. Singletary, will not return next year, as standards were not met in the class.
- SOLs have begun and are going smoothly. 100% pass Writing 8 (completed in March), Reading 8 there were (2) students who did not pass. This is unacceptable.
- No major discipline issues at the school. The Bells have been turned off this week for SOLs. Students doing well.
- Next year, Dana Walker will remain as 8th grade AP and new AP will take over rising 7th grade. Narrowed field to (2) candidates, one from the school, another from outside the school, but will not announce until approval by FCPS.

5. Committee Reports:

- **Online Payment System** Debbie Bacigalupo has implemented the pay4schoolstuff online program for small trial use with extra spirit wear inventory. A handout was given to the board to describe the process.
- **Hospitality:** one more event for the end of the year for the teachers.

The next PTA meeting is June 16th General Membership meeting (election) to be held before the Band event at 6:30 PM at Madison HS (**please note:** this is a change in venue and date).

Meeting adjourned at 1:30.

Friday, May 28	Two Hour Early Release – Students Dismissed at 12:50 p.m.
Monday, May 31	Memorial Day Holiday – School Closed
Friday, June 11	8th Grade Dance – 7:00 to 9:00 p.m.
Wednesday, June 16	Band Spring Concert at Madison – 7:00 p.m. PTA Meeting at 6:30
Tuesday, June 22	8 th Grade Award Ceremony – 8:00 a.m.
Wednesday, June 23	7 th Grade Award Ceremony – 8:00 a.m.
Thursday, June 24	Last Day of School – Students Dismissed at 10:25 a.m.

Submitted by: **Carey Sienicki** _____

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