

Allendale Middle School PTO Minutes—Monday, October 4, 2010

Present: Sue Gioia, Vicki Apel, Norine Fox, Cristy Sauter

I. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Secretary's Report

- a. There was no secretary's report.

III. Treasurer's Report

- a. There was no treasurer's report.

IV. Principal's Report: Vicki Apel reported for Rocky Thompson. MAP, a new assessment test, is finished and MEAPs start next week. Student Council starts this week. It was an interesting start to the school year with the health position opening up late and Kelly Watson being hired for that. All student schedules had to be changed the Thursday before the start of school due to adding health class but that went as well as it could. October should smooth out.

V. Counselor's Report: Vicki Apel reported for Rhonda Wilson. There are lots of GVSU tutors helping out. A changing family group will be starting. Quest for the Cup is going well. Rhonda's very busy with added responsibilities.

VI. Teacher Reports

- a. 6th grade: Norine Fox: They finished the MAPs and are gearing up for MEAPs. Shelley Jourden is sending Box Tops in. They have all enjoyed starting the year in the new building. Keith Piccard is taking his science classes outside for the Riparian Project. There are lots of kids in 6th grade—171.
- b. 7th grade: Vicki Apel: They also finished MAPs and are getting ready for MEAPs. There are lots of new 7th graders to the district and they needed a crash course on laptops.
- c. 8th grade: Sue Gioia: MAPs are done and MEAPs are coming up. Spelling Bee is progressing. The 8th grade staff dressed as pirates to reinforce the PIRATES study technique.
- d. Exploratories: Vicki Apel reported. They're completing a Harlem Renaissance unit. Laura Lutke is pursuing ways to incorporate ArtPrize into her classes next year.

VII. Committees

- a. The Staff Appreciation Luncheon Committee will be working on the lunch for Oct. 25.
- b. The 6th grade Fall Party committee is working on this event.

VIII. New Business

- a. Norine Fox presented a proposal for \$333.45 for publishing 6th grade books. This will be voted on at the November meeting.
- b. Vicki Apel presented a proposal for a February performance by the science theatre troupe. This will be voted on at the November meeting.

VIII. Old Business:

- a. The Student of the Week proposal for \$350 passed.
- b. The 8th Grade Reading Challenge proposal for \$450 passed.
- c. The Paper Gator will be left at the Lake Michigan property as it gets nearly three times as much money there as the other Paper Gators in the district.
- d. The PTO will pay up to \$100 per grade for MEAP treats.
- e. The magazine sale is over and it looks like profits are up from last year.

Door prize winner was Vicki Apel. Meeting was adjourned at 7:40.

Respectfully submitted,

Cristy Sauter

PTO President