

Pennwood PTO Meeting January 12, 2012

Meeting called to order 9:37am. There were 23 in attendance.

Principal, Mrs. Steckroat reported the following:

1. Winter Concerts were well attended. Students are preparing for Spring Concerts.
2. 8th grade course selection well attended. Counselors are working one on one with students. Selections will come home for parent approval.
3. January 24, 2011 last day of marking period.
4. Report cards go home on 02/6/12.
5. 02/10/12, Friday, Fun Night, maybe Valentine's theme.
6. 01/17/12, Tuesday, Chris Ridge, School Board Member coming to Pennwood for a visit and tour. He may visit classrooms to view curriculum.
7. 03/12/12 thru 03/15/12 PSSA testing. The 13th & 14th are half days. Noon dismissal. Transportation provided. No lunches will be served. All students needing extended time will be provided transportation. Full day for staff.
8. 04/12/12, Thursday, PTO evening meeting, please attend. Other Middle Schools have at least 30 parents attend; Pennwood had 6 parents attend the last evening PTO meeting.
9. 05/17/12, Thursday, Ryan's Story assembly presented by John Halligan who's son Ryan committed suicide after extensive bullying.
10. 01/31/12 & 02/07/12, Tuesdays, 7pm, evening presentation for parents on electronic social networking and cyber bullying presented by William Penn Middle School, Bucks Co. Peace Center & \$10,000 Verizon Grant.
11. \$865.00 received from Target, Pennwood family credit card program, for Pennwood Students with Needs account.
12. 8th grade ice cream social went great.

Mrs. Becknell & Mrs. Falcone, Diversity Club, www.challengeday.org, reported the following:

1. 02/28/12, Tuesday, 100 Seventh graders, Challenge Day
2. 02/29/12, Wednesday, 100 Eighth graders, Challenge Day
3. Volunteers needed for either day. On the job training provided. You must be able to stay all day from 7:45am-3:20pm. Lunch eaten with the students. Please bring your Lunch.

Abby, Student Council, reported the following:

1. November food drive fed 30 Pennwood Families Thanksgiving Dinner.
2. 02/10/12, Friday, Fun Night, No theme yet.
3. Hat Day, earned \$80.00, proceeds purchased basketballs.
4. Hot Cocoa .50 & Candy canes .25 being sold during lunch to benefit Student Council.
5. Freaky Fridays, Crazy Shirt Themes start next week.
6. Pep Rally in March to raise spirit for PSSA's.

Brad, NJHS, Vice President reported the following:

1. Meeting at lunch for I WILL New Years Resolution campaign.
2. 8th graders tutoring 6th graders during resource period on days 1 & 2.
3. Working on a service project at a Nursing Home.
4. Chinese New Years project undecided.
5. February group meeting, Valentine's theme undecided.
6. March group meeting PSSA March Madness Kickoff.
7. 02/18/12 -7th graders need to get their applications in for 8th grade NJHS for info contact Mrs. Swanson j.swanson@pennsbury.k12.pa.us

Mrs. Pursells, Teacher Rep reported the following:

1. Will the PTO consider purchasing digital camera document readers for the classrooms? Purchase price \$69 - \$490. Working on a list of how many needed. Checking with Edgewood to bulk purchase. More info next PTO meeting.
2. Pennwood Teachers Giving Tree Holiday Tree for needy Pennwood Families was a great success again this year.
3. 05/24/12, Thursday, Barnes & Noble night, Summer Reading list available. Student Council & NJHS helpers.
4. Summer Reading Ice Cream Socials were a huge success. Considering it again for next year.

Annette Young, Treasurer, reported the following:

1. \$9655.00 balance in PTO account.
2. \$30.75 received from McCaffrey receipts in December.
3. \$903.14 received from Box Tops & market place orders, Bi-annual check.
4. \$1600.00 profits from this years Scholastic Book Fair.

Geralyn Chapius, Corresponding Secretary reported the following:

1. All information for Pennwood post needed by 18th of the month.
2. 01/16/12 thru 02/24/12, Box Top Drive, winning homeroom will receive hot cocoa and muffins.
3. Blast Survey results complete. Info at next PTO meeting.

Becky Gabriele, 8th grade Happening Committee Chair reported the following:

1. 06/01/12, 7pm-9pm, 8th grade Happening.
2. Committee Chairperson positions for Decorations, Food & Tickets are filled.
3. Still needed Chairperson for Activities.
4. 01/17/12, Tuesday, 3 theme choices presented: Hollywood Red Carpet, Movie night, Wizard fantasy, 8th graders to vote by Friday, 01/20/12.
5. Volunteers needed to help paint decorations, no experience needed. Contact Becky Gabriele at beckygabriele@verizon.net.
6. 01/24/12, 9:30am , Volunteer meeting in cafeteria, everyone welcome.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00am. Next meeting will be 02/09/12 at 9:30am.

