

Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High
PTSA General Meeting
Wednesday, November 17th, 2010
everychild one voice

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 pm

Liz Rockowitz- President

Liz Rockowitz welcomed parents and thanked them for being here tonight. Some board members are absent because of the science fair at the middle school.

Treasurer's Report Jean Smoler

Liz presented the proposed budget for the year on behalf of Jean Smoler. Without questions the proposed budget was approved.

Reports from the Board

Membership – Allison Mars and Anny Vainstein

Allison reported that, as of today, we have 670 members. 39 students took the practice SAT last Saturday. This is lower than the normal 50 students.

Membership cards are still going out.

Fundraising – Ruth Vernick

Ruth reported the following:

Shop for Krop – made around 3K.

Halloween –

Macys - \$500

Valentine Day – We will be selling candy, teddy bear

Silent Auction – April 28th, at the Water Club. She asked parents to help.

Barnes & Nobles – 10am – 10pm PTA will wrap presents for donations. Starts, Saturday, Nov 27th

Dec. 14th is the book fair. If kids need community service, PTA doubles the hours.

A parent needs to be present.

Teacher Grants – 3 submissions deadline is next week.

Milly's Report from Tallahassee

Milly and Yael attended the Florida PTA Convention in Orlando. They presented a written report in all activities and most important issues discussed at the Convention. Milly encouraged parents to become active in legislative issues and contact their representatives. Milly answered questions from the audience.

Activity Director's Ms. Russell

- Activities have been designed to increase and develop School Pride. Some of the activities are: is Going Green, Pep Rallies, and school beautification projects.
- United Way's goal for students was met to 110 % of goal.
- There will be a Tree Planting Ceremony in honor of Gonzalez, Krop alum who died in Afghanistan.
- Clubs are doing Thanksgiving Baskets; families in the school will be recipients among other organizations. Homerooms are also participating. Friday the 19th is the collection day.
- Clubs help clean up the baseball field yesterday.
- Girls Volleyball going to state this Friday.
- Boys basketball are ranked 11th in the nation.
- Liz asked for details on how parents could help.
- Dates for senior meetings – pending
- Additional assessments are before the break with Midterm exams are after the winter break.

Principal's Report

Dr. Welker thanked parents for attending the meeting. He emphasized how critical class size has been. The school grade from last year has not been received yet. The problem is that the school grades come so late that 1/3 students that need rescheduling will happen at a time when there is only three employees at the school.

Dr. Welker mentioned that staffing concerns will persist for next year. This year Dr. Welker was able to maintain the integrity of all programs but next year it might be more difficulty.

Rick Scott's agenda on public education is going to be critical because he doesn't believe in public education. Parents need to pay attention.

Online testing – Feb to May all computers in the school are going to be used for testing

Dr. Welker is holding meetings with parents to explain why the chaos happened. 48 classes were out of compliance on class-size.

The school made Safe arbor in AYP

Next school students will self-select into virtual school. Will teachers be obsolete? Criteria used this year for self-selection? Behind in credits, had experience with the technology.

Names of parents who could substitute will be provided to Dr. Welker

Announcements:

Clara Poupel – parent in the school has a showing of her art January 12th from 6pm -10pm. A website is available to view.

Adrienne Scheck – Baseball Team, fundraiser has a coupon book that will raise funds for the team. Banners for the field are also available.

New Business

Welker mentioned that this time of the year is festive and good spirit. He is thankful for the group of parents in the school.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm