

**Dr. Michael M. Krop Senior High**  
*PTSA General Meeting*  
**Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2011**  
*everychild one voice*

**The meeting was called to order at 8:30 am**

**Liz Rockowitz- President**

Liz Rockowitz welcomed parents and administrators present. She announced that due to a busy agenda the meeting will start immediately. Administrators will talk first due to their busy schedule.

**Treasurer's Report – Jean Smoler**

Jean presented her monthly report. Without questions the report filed as presented.

**Dr. Welker's Report**

Dr. Welker asked Liz a question about tax exempt for teachers ordering items approved in their PTSA grants. It was clarified that only through PTSA ordering the item, teachers will receive the tax exempt benefit.

Dr. Welker mentioned that a webinar has been presented to faculty and EESAC about the financial projections for next years. Dr. Welker explained about extra money that came from different areas (such as Obama's Incentive Program) expires in June. Health care has increased 30%. Dr. Welker thinks that the schools will be OK. Next year schools will be funded at class size limitation (25/class); gifted funding will continue but limited.

Dr. Welker thanked PTSA for the fantastic paper drive we had.

Dr. Welker informed that Testing starts in February and will continue until May. This year FCAT math and re-takers will do so online. The end-of-year algebra testing will be online.

Question: Will Gifted be terminated for next year? No

Joanne Labaton asked about an article that was printed in "Progress for Florida" and level for funding. Email blasting helps. People from Tallahassee complain that parents do not contact them. Labaton will circulate a petition for parents.

Tom (UTD Steward) – he is concerned that the school board has not tried to collect the money that is owed to us due to class size mandates. UTD is reaching to PTSAs for communication.

**Jean Rosenfield**

SAACS Reaccreditation - Spoke about the 10 year reaccreditation. A team of 5 members will visit the school on Feb 22 – 24. The school needs parents during those days.

SIP – Office of Performance Improvement at Dadeschools.net

Students are doing well and being accepted to very good schools during early admissions.

**Russell, Activities Director**

Ms. Russell reported that there are many activities are they are going well. One of those activities coming up is: School clean-up coming up Jan 25<sup>th</sup>.

She also reported that:

- Basketball teams are both ranked in the State and the boys nationally.
- Two students had passed away recently and students had been great and supporting the families.

Liz thanked both Jean and Russell for their dedication to students above all their other responsibilities.

### **Minutes – Milly Delgado**

Minutes of the November 2010 meeting were presented for approval. Motion was presented by Sharon Gayoso and second by Bonnie Isenberg to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried.

### **Reports from the Board**

#### **Advocacy – Joanne Labaton**

Big event tonight – “Rally before Tally” at 5pm Jungle Island

Newsweek article in December “Students First” movement; Joanne encouraged parents to investigate and join the conversation.

We need to find out what needs to happen to mobilize parents. Parents don’t see what happens in the school.

Dr. Welker mentioned that there has to be a conversation. Education has to be re-energized because nothing has changed in over 20 years.

A problem is that students are pursuing degrees and staying in school for many years and by the time they complete their college degree, they will not have a job.

97 % of our seniors graduate.

#### **Fundraising – Ruth Vernick**

##### **Book Fair for Krop at Barnes & Noble - Dec 15<sup>th</sup> 9am-11am**

Ruth thanked Margo and Mona for helping organize the event and the gift wrap. The school made \$1400 from the gift wrapping. The event was very well attended.

##### **Valentine Day Feb 7<sup>th</sup> -11<sup>th</sup>**

Need lots of volunteer during the lunch periods.

##### **Silent Auction – April 28<sup>th</sup>**

Ruth described the event at a new location, the Water Club in Eastern Shore. We will honor Commissioner Heyman. An idea was to get students involved in getting donations because they will get more donations. Ruth will have a meeting next week. Information will be sent out. Ruth encouraged parents to get small donations.

“A Day in the Life of” was described.

HOM Middle school Bazaar is Feb 10<sup>th</sup> at 305 Newport Beach Hotel.

#### **Membership – Anny Vainstein**

Anny reported that as of today we have 737 memberships. 103 teachers. Test results from the last SAT practice are in. Students need to pick them up from Mr. Rody.

Student Member Lunch is January 27<sup>th</sup> during the lunches. Volunteers are needed from 9:30 am to setup.

**Teacher Grants**

Liz has the list of teachers and projects that were approved.

**New Business**

Senior Meetings are very informative and successful. Liz asked parents that if they have questions, she could help answer or find the answers

Join Meeting with HOM, Aventura-Waterways, and the Charter in March 9<sup>th</sup> nomination.

Invite parents from HOM, Aventura-Waterways, and the Charter for the February 16<sup>th</sup> meeting in the evening.

Meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Respectfully submitted by

Milly Delgado