

Quince Orchard High School PTSA
Joint Meeting with QOHS Booster Club - Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2010

PTSA President Teresa Kaczmarek welcomed attendees and introduced Booster Club President Janet Korol. The joint PTSA/Booster club meeting was preceded by a Student Government Association (SGA) presentation. Faculty advisor Karen Jones introduced SGA members Amy Frieder, Emily Hart and Jordan Finkelstein who talked about the structure of the SGA and its functions.

After the presentation, PTSA President Teresa Kaczmarek called the joint meeting to order at 7:25 p.m. in the auditorium. 24 members signed in, so a quorum was present. A motion was made, seconded and approved to waive the reading of the November 2010 minutes.

Teresa reported for Treasurer Molly Hayward-Koert that there were no expenses and some minor income since the last meeting.

President's Report: Teresa reported that the PTSA now has 628 members. One staff grant was approved to provide bottled water in the health room. Graduation will be June 1 and the PTSA will be sponsoring buses as in the past. February 16 is a back-to-school open house for the 2nd semester. The November college fair was successful with 30 colleges and 150 attendees. The Mock ACT/SAT is scheduled for Jan. 29 – the fee is \$15 and due by January 17.

Vice President Kristin Paolini announced that there will be a Health Fair prior to the February 15 meeting and that Peer-to-Peer Counseling will be the guest speakers at the March 15 meeting. The Health Fair is scheduled for 5:30-7:00. Fifteen vendors have already signed up. There will be drawings for students and staff. PR will start next week.

Vice President Carol Kaplan reminded everyone to let her know about events, awards and such for press releases. She mentioned that Lakelands PTSA had broadcast a recent meeting on Cyber-bullying as a webinar and suggested QO might consider this for the future.

Principal Carole Working reported that the spring play will be "Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory" and the middle schools will be participating. The band has announced that next fall's program will have a patriotic theme as it is the anniversary of 9/11. Scheduling for next year has started. The second semester senior exam schedule will be available soon.

Fran Finkelstein reported that the December book fair at Barnes & Noble raised about \$600 from sales and \$75 in gift wrap donations.

Sharon Moskowitz reported that 97 volunteers logged 592 hours in December. Volunteers are needed to maintain trophy cases, to assist with Feb. 16 back-to-school open house and for Jan. 29 mock ACT/SAT.

Misc. reports: Karen Chen - Promotions – need more involvement – receipts from Giant and Safeway are down from the past levels. Staff appreciation provided 60 dozen cookies from 40 volunteers in December. The staff were welcomed back in January with soup & bean mixes in their mailboxes. There were 26 entries in the Reflections program with several making it to the county level. Destination Imagination has three teams registered.

Katy Vreeland reported for Special Needs that the Mock ACT/SAT on Jan. 29 will include accommodations. Two Next Steps Series workshops are being presented by MCPS Transition Services: Integrated Employment, Vocational Training, Independent Living, Community Participation, Continuing and Adult Education will be held on Feb. 2nd from 7 - 9 p.m. at Earle B Woods Middle School (14615 Bauer Drive Rockville.) The second workshop is a Special Topics Night for Families of Students age 14 - 21 with Individual Education Plans. Current topics to discuss include Self-Advocacy, the SSI application process and timeline and an Introduction to Transition. The MCCPTA special education sub committee is seeking nominations for its 23rd annual recognition ceremony. This is an opportunity to nominate a special person or program that has made an outstanding contribution to the success and acceptance of students with special needs. Nominees can include educators, programs, parents and students. The event will be held on May 9th 2011. Nominations must be received by Friday March 4th 2011. For additional information visit www.mccpta.com/specneeds.htm/ and click on the link for SpecEdNomForm.pdf.

MCCPTA members were at the BOE testifying during this meeting time. The testimony was to include a request for no reduction in classroom support and suggest reducing some of the five layers of management between the principal and the superintendent. Ron Weaver reported that the last cluster meeting focused on preparation for tonight's testimony. He also mentioned that the construction at Ridgeview MS is well under way with some amazing changes.

Carole Working mentioned that she has counseled staff to try to ignore the rhetoric during this year's budget process. QO is trying to maintain course offerings. One of the problems with not making AYP is that MCPS tries to replace electives with remedial classes.

There was no old business.

New business:

1. A nominating committee was formed: Ron Weaver, Pam Toohey and Nancy Ketterer.
2. QO PTSA, Lakelands Park PTSA and Rachel Carson PTSA are sponsoring a screening of Race to Nowhere on Feb. 10. More information will follow.

Janet Korol reported on Booster Club events. The executives met earlier in January for a "State of the Booster Club" meeting. The results will be discussed at the February Booster Club meeting. A county-wide Booster Club sharing group, MoCo Boosters, has been formed with 18 schools participating so far. The spring mulch sale is coming up April 9 and another spring fundraiser is being planned. Last year's mulch sale netted about \$23K from 9000 bags. The committee is working to set up online ordering this year. Janet mentioned that there are many new volunteers in the Booster Club this year.

Teresa declared the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by Carol Henley, QOHS PTSA Secretary