

Forest Park PTA Meeting

October 3, 2016

Anne Tedford called the meeting to order at 8:00a.m. and welcomed everyone to the second PTA meeting of the year.

Agenda Item

Contact for Information

Pulaski Heights Middle School

Darryl Powell

Three alumni of Forest Park Elementary School (Millie Ketcher, David Ronnel, Hannah Denery) spoke about their current school, Pulaski Heights Middle School.

Anne introduced the principal of Pulaski Heights Middle School, Mr. Darryl Powell. This is Mr. Powell's 2nd year at PHMS. He said that the transition from elementary to middle is more difficult for parents than students. Parents have 3 main concerns: Safety, their opinions won't count, and education quality. Mr. Powell recognizes that his school is in competition with charter and private schools. He has strengthened academic programs in the honors department and for the students who need extra support. Current 5th graders are welcome to come to PHMS to shadow 6th graders. PHMS will have "check us out days" on October 10th – 12th.

Flu Clinic

Pam Kuhn

Clinic will be held this Thursday from 9 – 11:30. Parents are welcome to come and get their shot with their child. There will be no Flu Mist. She needs a couple of volunteers to help.

Minutes

Mary Margaret Wippo

Sandy Henry moved to approve last meeting's minutes. Angie Johnson seconded motion. Minutes were approved.

Budget

Katherine Butler

Katherine announced that Pass the Plaid has made \$2000 this year. Ads for the directory have brought in \$1000. Farmer's Market has made \$490 so far. This amount covers 100% of the garden educator cost. There have been a few expenses this month: \$1700 for grounds improvement, \$600 for the garden, \$1500 for staff support, and \$1500 for Spanish teacher. Make sure that your Kroger Card is linked to Forest Park.

Committee Recognition

Anne Tedford

Anne thanked the Spaghetti Supper team, Pass the Plaid ladies, and the helpers for Mixed Bag Sales.

Mixed Bag Report/5th grade fundraising Neal Lea

Neal informed everyone that the Spirit Shop has made \$2000 so far and popsicle sales have raised \$721. So far, 5th graders have raised \$3500+ through Mixed Bag, and 4th graders have raised \$2900+ through Mixed Bag Sales. Space Camp deposits are due today. They will sell popsicles for 2 more weeks. They will sell poinsettias closer to the Holidays.

Principal's Report**Mrs. Ketcher**

Mrs. Ketcher said that Patriotic Assembly last Friday was wonderful. She expressed gratitude for guest speakers and said that 4th and 5th graders did a great job performing. She said that public school is the heart of the community. Mrs. Ketcher announced that 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders have received their chrome books. The laptops that the district purchased have been moved to 1st and 2nd grades. Students will take the standardized test ACT Aspire. Anne Tedford said that she appreciates that Mrs. Ketcher insists on students learning cursive writing at our school.

Fun Run**Stacy Grobmyer**

Stacy announced that Fun Run fundraising has begun. There will be prizes and incentives for students to register and raise money. The goal for the school is \$40,000, which works out to about \$100 per student. She asked that everyone come to school on the day of the run and cheer on the students.

Stride Pride**Amanda Fugitt**

Lindsay Coon said that Stride Pride t-shirts that were ordered are going home in backpacks today. She encouraged everyone to get to school a little early for refreshments, door prizes, and more. Stride Pride is this Wednesday, Oct 5th.

Directories**Emily Roberson**

Emily said that there are about 10 people that she hasn't been able to contact for directory information. She expects directories to be out by the end of this week.

ROOTS Garden**Kerry Guice**

Kerry said that the garden is going great. Garden educator has made a schedule for teachers to sign up. All teachers have signed up to visit at least once a month. Farmer's Market has completely paid for Ms. Vanna, garden educator. She asked that people please post pictures of your kids in the garden to the Roots Garden Facebook page. She also encouraged people to eat lunch in garden with their children.

Potbelly Night/Good Grade Shakes**Julia Hamra**

Julia announced that Potbelly will be giving 25% of their sales from 5:00 til 8:00 this Wednesday night to Forest Park. She also said that Potbelly will give children who make all As & Bs this quarter a free milkshake.

Check Us Out Days/Open House**Julia Hamra**

Julia said that we will have an Open House next Tuesday, Oct 11th.

Holly Beth Willis announced to everyone that there will be a wedding shower for Ms. Solomon and Mr. Williams this Wednesday, Oct. 5th at her house from 3:30 until 5:00.

Pumpkins in the Park**Emily Stein**

Emily said that date is set for October 21st from 5-7:30 pm. Wristbands will cost \$10 each in advance and \$12 each the night of the event. We will have an area dedicated to smaller children. This year we will have a money machine that you can buy raffle tickets for a chance to go into it. She needs teenage volunteers. Please let her know if you know anyone. There will be limited food available for purchase.

Box Tops**Crystal Amos**

Crystal said that Box Tops will be collected the last week of this month. Every student who hands in 25+ will receive a free dress day pass. The top student of each grade will receive a pass to Alltitude Trampoline Park.

Recycle Week Nov 7th-13th**Page Gibson/Allison Wilkes**

Page informed everyone that there is a National Recycle Week in November. School will participate in some way. Also, she said that if anyone needs support at one of their school events, they are more than happy to help make event greener. Just reach out to them. They are also applying for a grant to get recycle bins on school grounds.

SignUp. Com and Yearbook**Lesley Roberts**

Lesley said that signup.com is the same as volunteerspot. When using website, enter code for Forest Park: EPFYWHDQ. This will keep all volunteer pages, so we can use them year to year. She is asking Room moms to gather pictures of kids in their classes. They want every student to be pictured in the yearbook 3 times.

Reminders/Announcements

- Anne encouraged everyone to consider donating to Fun Run. District has \$40 million in budget cuts this year that they have to make. They will start in central office.
- Volunteers are crucial in public schools. Please keep signing up to volunteer.
- Class Of T shirt order forms are going home with students today. Design is the same as last year.
- If you buy through Amazon, you can link Forest Park through Amazon Smile and a percentage will go to our school.
- Please follow rules of carpool lines. Enter 1st grade side from Cantrell, not in front of school. Do Not drive on street behind school; that is for buses.

Dates to Remember:

Wednesday, Oct 5 th	Stride Pride
Wednesday, Oct 5 th	Shower for Mr. Williams/Ms. Solomon
Thursday, Oct. 6 th	Flu Clinic
Friday, Oct 7 th	PreK Barn Dance
Thursday, Oct 13 th	Fun Run
Oct 14 th & 17 th	No School
Friday, Oct 21 st	Pumpkins in the Park
Oct 24 th – 28 th	Box Top Collection
Oct 25 th -31 st	Red Ribbon Week
Monday, Nov 7 th	PTA meeting