

## Minutes from PTO Meeting on Monday, September 13, 2010

Meeting called by PTO

Type of meeting: Monthly meeting of 2010-2011 School Year

Attendees: Kay Burrough, Principal, Henning; Sandra Padak, Principal, Silver Creek; Beth Luttrell, Assistant Principal Silver Creek; Pat Hart, teacher, Silver Creek; Ginny Frey, Teacher Henning; Simonne de Villiers, PTO President; Kathy Myers, PTO Vice President, Gina Rader, PTO Treasurer; Denise Baker-Seal, PTO Secretary; Jeannie Marlinghaus, Karen James, Christie Manso, Lea Ann Oller, Jennifer Tomm, Christy Carter, Susan Huchel, Lisa Metheny, Todd & Dana Massie, Julie Verhaar, Traci Quick-Hutt, Amy Beyer, Jo Ann Lambert, Kimberly Thompson, Kristy Forel, Mary Beth Parker. Christine Foehrkolb, Amy Lane, Leighann Fuller, Adrienne Wells-Kestur, Tyrona Davis, Beth Heffren, Donna Pottorff, Chrissy Bridges, Marc Bridges, Carolyn Jeffery, Jason & Kari Moreton, Jene Stewart, Julia Doll, Chad & Tina Evans, Tammy Perry, and Jenna Kassrs.

**Update from the Superintendent.** Leigh Lewis, Superintendent of the District, and Dale Sauer, Assistant Superintendent, provided a review and update regarding the financial situation of the district. Triad was required to plan for \$2.1 million in cost saving measures this school year. The bottom line was better than expected and discussed last school year, but there still was a significant decrease. Decrease is attributed to decrease in revenue from the State of Illinois, less growth in local funding, loss of money from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act, and anticipated increase in expenses.

The District was able to hire back staff that was laid off last year. 21 certified staff and 13 non-certified staff were rehired. The District has also obtained money from some additional grants. Booster clubs & parents have stepped up to fill the gap in some activities. The District had to make hard choices, but it is dedicated to providing the students and teachers what they need.

Comment from the audience to continue to call your legislators. PTO campaign had an effect. Keep calling. The State of Illinois still owes the District \$, and we do not want the legislators to forget about the schools.

**Donation.** A to Z Family Dentistry presented a check to the PTO for a \$160 donation, which was earned at the Troy Homecoming this past summer. Thanks to Todd and Dana Massie. We appreciate your support of the PTO.

President Simonne de Villiers discussed the upcoming PTO year. We welcome all input, suggestions and comments. We are trying to have more family fun activities and less fundraising. However, fundraising is still important to provide the things we want to the students and teachers. We appreciate the help of all who have supported the PTO and look forward to another good year.

**Activity Fund.** Contribution to School Activity Funds was discussed. Last year the PTO provided \$20 per student. Discussion re: benefit of Activity Fund. Discussion re: providing \$25

per student this year. Motion by Jeannie Marlinghaus to approve \$25 per student contribution to Activity Fund, seconded by Kathy Myers. Motion passed and approved.

**Treasurer report.** PTO currently has approximately \$72,000 in funds, which are in a money market account. We estimate raising \$50,000 this year. This is a conservative figure.

**Back to School event.** Christi Manso reported that the Back to School event was a success. We were able to fund the event with donations from Scott Credit Union and Kohls. Thanks to all who made that event a successful opening to the new school year.

**Entertainment books.** Susan Huchel reported that the profit from the entertainment book sales is estimated to be about \$14,000. This is an increase from last year, where we raised approximately \$12,000. Great job! Thanks to all for their hard work on the entertainment book sale.

**Upcoming events.** Jeannie Marlinghaus spoke about upcoming events. Family BUNCO Night is October 15, 2010. Doors open at 5:30 p.m. BUNCO runs from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. It is a fun event for all.

Pumpkin Smash Bash will be held on Friday, October 29, on the same day as the annual Pumpkin Smash event. Smash Bash will be Cost of the event is a canned good, which will be donated. If you forget your canned good, cost will be \$1, with a maximum of \$3 for family. Students are encouraged to wear their costumes. Steak out will be providing food, and donating 15% back to PTO. Activities will include a dance, pumpkin decorating, spooky story corner, photographs and lots of other fun activities.

The PTO calendar for this year is as follows:

<b>September</b>	September 13th <b>First PTO Meeting of the School Year (C.A. Henning Library)</b> September 24th <b>Gum &amp; Hat Day</b>
<b>October</b>	October 4th <b>PTO Meeting (Silver Creek Library)</b> October 12th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b> October 15th <b>Family Bunco Night</b> October 28th <b>Steak Out Night</b> October 29th <b>C.A. Henning and Silver Creek Fall Festival (at C.A. Henning)</b> Date TBD - <b>SCIENCE SATURDAY</b>
<b>November</b>	November 1st <b>PTO Meeting (C.A. Henning Library)</b> November 6th <b>2nd Time Around Sale</b> November 9th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b> November 18th <b>Steak Out Night</b> November 19th <b>Gum &amp; Hat Day</b>
<b>December</b>	December 6th <b>PTO Meeting (Silver Creek Library)</b> December 4th: <b>Santa's Breakfast</b> December 14th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b> December 15th & 16th - <b>Santa's Cottage</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· December 29 <b>Steak Out Night</b></li> </ul>
<b>January</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· January 10th <b>PTO Meeting (C.A. Henning Library)</b></li> <li>· January 11th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> <li>· January 14th <b>Gum &amp; Hat Day</b></li> <li>· January 27th <b>Steak Out Night</b></li> </ul>
<b>February</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· February 7th <b>PTO Meeting (Silver Creek Library)</b></li> <li>· February 8th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> <li>· February 18th <b>Family Sweetheart Dance</b></li> <li>· February 24th <b>Steak Out Night</b></li> </ul>
<b>March</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· March 8th <b>PTO Meeting (C.A. Henning Library - Tuesday)</b></li> <li>· March 8th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> <li>· March 25th <b>Gum &amp; Hat Day</b></li> <li>· March 31st <b>Steak Out Night</b></li> <li>· Date TBD - <b>Art and/or Science Fair</b></li> </ul>
<b>April</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· April 4th <b>PTO Meeting (Silver Creek Library)</b></li> <li>· April 12th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> <li>· April 28th <b>Steak Out Night</b></li> <li>· Date TBD - <b>School Carnival</b></li> </ul>
<b>May</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· May 2nd <b>PTO Meeting (C.A. Henning Library)</b></li> <li>· May 6th <b>Gum &amp; Hat Day</b></li> <li>· May 10th <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> </ul>
<b>June</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>· June 7th – <b>Market Day Pick Up</b></li> </ul>