

Notes/Minutes from Rendezvous PTA meeting – October 1, 2009

- **Meeting Called to order at 6:30**
 - PTA Board Members Present
 - Nancy Hernandez, Jessica Lindstrom, Wendy Meadows, Deanna Harger
 - Principals
 - Deb Roehrkasse & Tom Radkey
- **Polling present members on times & days to have meetings**
 - Jessica passed around a sheet, asking those present to indicate their preferences for meeting times, place, and days.
- **Teton Literacy Update**
 - Offering Spanish classes in October through December
 - Cost is \$100.00 for 9 weeks
 - Offering Tutoring
 - 1 hour per week for free
- **Purpose of PTA**
 - Organize volunteers for schools
 - Raise Money
 - Bring families and educators together
 - Host educational presentations for parents & teachers
- **PIE vs. PTA**
 - Parents Involved in Education is different from PTA
 - PIE meets once a month w/ principals to discuss schools and gives parents a chance to ask questions and raise concerns
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Lee Anne was not present so Jessica gave a brief report
 - Current balance \$15,106.00
 - Membership dues have not been deposited yet
 - 162 members to date
 - 7 teachers
- **Microwave for JES**
 - Parents have requested PTA buy a microwave for JES
 - Members present approved purchase with show of hands
- **Book Sale at CES**
 - November 30th
 - Melissa Snyder thanks PTA for purchasing \$1,000.00 in books last year for CES
 - Needs volunteers to unpack boxes
 - Clean up at the end of the night
- **Year Book**
 - Alexis will volunteer to create the year book for one more year
 - Sarah Campbell volunteered to take over next year
- **Student Directory**
 - Barb will do the directory for one more year
 - Audrey asked if it is possible to use the student info forms to create the directory
 - Deb thought this might be possible

- **Box Tops**
 - Need Coordinator for each school
- **PTA vs. PTO**
 - 50% of membership dues go to the national PTA
 - Deanna is investigating the benefits of being a PTA vs. PTO
 - Being a member of the national PTA does provide our school and parents with some perks and also shows our support of public education
 - Discounts at various stores. We need to get our membership cards to have access to discounts
 - Programs and Grants
 - Take Your Family to School Week
 - Teacher Appreciation Week
 - State of the Art Week
 - Reflections Art Grant
 - PTA Healthy Lifestyles Award
 - National PTA Convention
 - 2010 National Legislative Conference – March 9-11
 - The National PTA also supports citizens getting involved in Federal Public Policy and support public schools
 - Deanna will continue to investigate and report at the next meeting
- **Mission and Goals of PTA**
 - Jessica asked parents and teachers to help board define mission and goals of PTA
 - When these are defined we could track success and/or make adjustments as necessary
 - Suggestions given included
 - Subsidize & host educational presentations & workshops
 - Host teacher presentations
 - Tom suggested PTA help in bringing school and parents together to educate them about Title 1 requirements
 - Host a Literacy Night
 - Goal would be to help with reading & writing
 - Host a Science Night
 - Create a blog to get feedback
 - Send flyers home with questions to parents about goals
 - Host events for kids to have fun
- **32nd Annual Pumpkin Sale**
 - Shelly could not be at the meeting
 - Need volunteers for sale
 - Poster distribution
 - Send posters electronically to CES, Wilson and Journey's School
 - Bake sale
 - Individually wrap all baked items
 - Label products w/ peanuts
 - Pies and specialty cakes go fast. Encourage people to bring whole cakes
 - Have additional wrap on hand during sale

- Drop off baked goods by Friday at JES
- Pumpkins
 - Smith's is going to sell the pumpkins at cost to the PTA and deliver them again this year
 - Board could have the kid's make a thank you poster for Smith's
 - PTA will price pumpkins the same as last year. The signs are already made
- Craft Tables
 - Will have face painting, and a few crafts
- Hot Chocolate, coffee and orange juice donated by McDonalds
- Board should create a folder w/ all information for future boards
- **Meeting Adjourned**