

GREECE PTA COUNCIL
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 Minutes
 November 19, 2008
 Apollo 3rd floor, E50, 6:30 pm

Autumn Lane		Apollo MS	Maggie Hannon	BOE	
Buckman Heights	Missy Fuino	Arcadia MS	Leann Zacher	District	Ann Mitchell
Craig Hill		Athena MS		Principals	Lesley Flick
English Village		Arcadia HS	Claudine Dixon		Sue Streicker
Holmes Road	Missy Fuino	Athena HS	Sue Fava Flagg	GVPTA	Mary Williamson
Kirk Road		Olympia HS	Barb Schmitt	PASSN	
Lakeshore		Odyssey Academy	Gary Elling	Presenter	Jan Marchetti
Longridge					
Paddy Hill					
Parkland Brookside	Melissa King			Guests	
Pine Brook					
West Ridge	Jody Quetschenbach				

- Welcome and Introductions
- Presentation: **Elementary ELA Assessments - Jan Marchetti**
 Ann Mitchell distributed handouts:
 - New York State Testing Program, The Grades 3-8 Testing Program in English Language Arts and Mathematics, A Parent's Guide
 - Composition of the New York State ELA 6-8 tests
- **Agenda** for this meeting approved as presented
- **Minutes** from October 22, 2008 meeting approved with amendment to change Carol Nasca to **Nancy Nasca**.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

- **Treasurer's Report** presented with noted \$23,139.53 balance. \$250.00 grants have been awarded to two units to date
- **Good Deeds** - no report
- **PTA Council Scholarships** - Discussion continues re four scholarships, four high schools. Claudine, member of the scholarship committee says the committee has awarded scholarships to the best four candidates...not necessarily one to each high school. Some of those present remember that there was council agreement that the scholarships should be given to the best candidates, that the change from three scholarships to four several years ago was made to allow for the possibility of one candidate from each high school, whereas, with three scholarships, it would not be possible
 - Council looking for people to serve on a committee which will:
 - Distribute applications to HS Counselors
 - Collect/Receive applications (including essay), transcripts, letters of recommendations
 - Read applications, essay re *Why I want to go into Education*, transcripts, letters of recommendations

- **Outreach** - Mary referred everyone to the Update she sent to all presidents on November 17. Reflections entries to be delivered to GV PTA Reflections Chair house in Webster between 12 and 3 on Saturday, November 22. Reflections programs can start with one interested teacher, one category.

LIAISON REPORTS

- **Board of Education** - no report.
To sign up to speak (for 5 minutes) at a Board meeting, call Lynn Armstrong, the District Clerk at 966-2311.
- **District**
 - Town Hall meeting at CH on Monday, December 1 at 6:30 p.m.
 - Professional Development day likely to be changed (pending BOE approval) from February 6 to February 4.
- **Schools**
 - Melissa King expressed concern that with 600 students, 150 PTA members at PLBR, only 15 people come to meetings. Those in attendance discussed poorly attended meetings.
 - Mary suggested that all PTAs and members be invited to each others' PTA programs. Send note or flyer to Missy and she will send it to everyone.
- **Genesee Valley PTA** - see Outreach

NEW BUSINESS

- It is possible to use the GCSD mail system to send mail to other schools. Call Missy for details.
- At NYS PTA Convention, Jack Langerak, Director of the *Rochester Wolf Trap Early Learning Through the Arts* Program at Nazareth College, mentioned three books.
 - *Out of Our Minds* - Ken Robinson
 - *Five Minds for the Future* - Howard Gardner
 - *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future* - Daniel H Pink

Meeting adjourned at 8 p.m.

Next meeting, January 28, 2009
December 17, 2008 cancelled.

Please contact me with any additions, corrections.
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