

Greece PTA Council Minutes – February 25, 2009

PTA Units

AL:	LS:	Apollo MS: Maggie Hannon
BH: Missy Fuino	LR:	Arcadia MS:
CH:	PK/BS: Nancy Nasca	Athena MS:
EV:	PH:	Arcadia HS:
HR: Missy Fuino	PB:	Athena HS: Deborah Magone-Fragale
KR:	WR:	Olympia HS: Barb Schmitt
		Odyssey Academy: Lisa Christoffel

BOE:

District: Tom Hyman, Carol (Yerger)St. George – Title 1

Principals: David Richardson – Arcadia MS, Linda Pickering – Apollo MS, Beth Boily – Pinebrook, Doug Pacelli – Lakeshore

GVPTA: Mary Williamson

Meeting began at 6:30 PM and Introductions were made.

November Minutes were not available and the Agenda was approved.

**Title 1 Parent University:** Carol Yerger-St. George gave the special presentation. The Parent University came about from a Survey that was presented to parents. Out of 6,000 sent out, 1,000 responses came back and 51.9% of parents thought Literacy was important; then building (kids) self-esteem; then stress reduction (in kids). Carol then presented that parents involvement in helping their students at home was very important and they want to know how they can help their children. Carol is working with Missy Fuino on this project and have the first Title 1 Parent University on Tuesday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> for Parents AND Students in grade Pre-K through 5 grade. It will be currently held at Apollo and it is entitled “Playing with your Kids”. They will have Pizza, a juggler and then a breakout session called “How to read to your child”. Fliers will be out soon to post this information for families to sign up for this event.

**Committee Reports:**

The February Treasurer Report was handed out and no modifications were needed.

The Good Deeds Awards were presented during the January BOE meeting. The Greece PTA Council presented them with a \$50 Bond and their pictures were taken after their “stories” were told. The PTA Council hands out two groups of Good Deeds Awards, one from the Fall and one from the Spring of each school year. So please continue to nominate a student – Greece has a lot of students doing GOOD DEEDS they just have to be nominated. The forms are in all of the schools and on the Greece PTA Council's Website.

The Scholarship forms are now printed and can be found on the Greece PTA Council's Website and in the High Schools. Each year, the PTA hands out 4 Scholarships to High School Seniors who will be attending college majoring in Education. Missy is looking for a committee to conduct the interviews. Linda Pickering has volunteered to be one of the

members on the committee. Please contact Missy Fuino if you are interested to be on the committee.

Mary Williamson announced the date of the Genesee Valley PTA Annual meeting which is being held on May 13. Look for more information to come. There were some Greece PTA units who have not sent in membership. Missy then explained to our group what a Unit In "Good Standing" means – need to have at least 25 members in the unit, paid the insurance and filled out a Form A which names you executive board. If you are not in good standing, you can not receive your "goodie" box that has all the information in the beginning of the year INCLUDING your membership card AND you cannot receive the mini-grants from the Greece PTA Council. Regarding membership – all membership cards need to be paid by March 31<sup>st</sup>. This information was sent to all PTA presidents over the past couple of weeks. Mary also needs all of the PTA Unit's Federal ID# so she can keep them on hand because she has had some problems with new presidents not getting any information from past presidents. Please make sure all information is passed on if you are leaving your position in June. It is time to set up a Nominating Committee for next year's Council, does anyone want to be part of this committee??

**District:** Tom Hyman represented the District speaking on how the budget is being looked at and how they are looking for the principals' input on what can be reduced by each of their schools to help the budget for this year. The Board meeting which was scheduled for February 24<sup>th</sup> was canceled and rescheduled for Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Steve Achramovitch and Lou Alaimo will be at the March PTA Council meeting to answer budget questions. The council wants to make an effort to get the word out for all parents to vote because the majority of voters are from residents who do not have children in the district. Those residents do not know what our students' needs are and what it takes to have a good education!

**New Business:** Missy has heard from a parent concerned with a school policy that is listed in the District Calendar on page 7 - student information is being shared so certain groups (military) can obtain personal information. This parent brought up ideas to look at to see if parents can "opt out" and not have information shared with outside groups. There has been news from the Rochester City School District about this issue and the debate is has been causing because it is from the "No Child Left Behind" rule and groups are trying to change this policy. Missy will check into this more at a PTA/Legislation meeting she is attending in Albany.

Also regarding shared information; a PTA president asked why the Council posts all Presidents' home addresses in the District Calendar. She does not care for this to be made public and suggested that people can send mail to the school PTA mailbox.

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM

Respectively Submitted by: Maggie Hannon, Treasurer