

VFMS PTO MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, January 13, 2010
9:00 AM

The meeting began at 9:10AM in the Audion.

1. WELCOME - Gretchen Frascella - President

2. Principal's Report

Matt Gibson, VFMS Principal, provided the following updates:

- o VFMS Musical, CINDERELLA - performances 3/16, 3/17 in AM; 3/18, 3/19 in PM.
- o PSSA Testing - Begins on 4/12/10 through 5/7/10. The window of testing is dictated by the state. 1st week - Reading/Math - Grades 5-8; next week - Writing - 6th & 8th; next week - Science - 8th; last week - Makeups. This creates a disjointed month for the student's classes.
- o There is school on President's Day.
- o Contact Andy Phillips for any sports related questions.
- o There is a district-wide deficit of \$9.25 million for 2010/2011. Programs are being reviewed and there can be changes as soon as next year. Stay informed and read the weekly news from the T/E School District via: www.tesd.net.

3. 411 on Drugs and Alcohol

Two prior students of Lower Merion presented information on what every middle school parent needs to know about the impact of drugs and alcohol in the school and with the students. It is important to keep the lines of communication open. They would like to bring their message and communicate the dangers of substance abuse to the health class curriculum. Matt Gibson will review this idea.

4. Fundraising Report

Debbie Miller provided the following updates:

- o Family Fun Night is 3/12/10. There will be a meeting on 1/19 - Barnes & Noble, 7PM for all interested to help. We still need raffles.
- o Directories are still available.
- o Calloway Cards are still available.
- o The Magazine Drive is a Student Council function, NOT PTO.
- o Handles Ice Cream Night - 5/5/10 - Mark your calendars!

5. Volunteer Update

Debbie Reiner provided the following updates:

We are in need of the following volunteers for next year:

CULTURAL ARTS COORDINATOR - oversees school programs.

NEWSLETTER EDITOR - would like to begin training this year.

8th GRADE CAREER COORDINATOR - can be any grade parent.

6. Social Programs

- o 7/8th Grade Dance - 2/12/10 - Still in need of chaperones. Contact Ellen Pulver Flatt.
- o 8th Grade Coffee - Changed to 2/3/10 at Kathy Kneeley's house. Contact her to volunteer.

7. Treasurer's Report

None.

Meeting adjourned at 11:10AM.

Next Meeting: March 9- 7:30PM - VFMS Audion