

Holmes PTA Meeting

May 27, 2010

Present: Cathy Farman, Heather Wade, Rachel Aptekar, Jennifer Raven, Mike Dufresne, Carin Loy, Lea Darrah, Anne Ternus-Bellamy, Shelley Bronzan, Nancy Williams, Christina Dicker, Mary McNamara, Jean Ye, Ashley Nelson, Derek Brothers, Jennifer Thompson, Sally Albertson, Gene Ashdown.

I. Meeting called to order

- Cathy Farman, PTA president, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

II. Minutes from the April 2010 PTA meeting

- Rachel Aptekar moved to approve the minutes; Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.

III. Social Studies Program – *Mike Dufresne*

- Mike Dufresne discussed the social studies curriculum and in particular the Renaissance Day enjoyed by seventh graders and the Civil War Day for eighth graders.

IV. Treasurer's Report – *Jennifer Raven*

Jennifer Raven reported that the Unfundraiser had raised more funds than expected leaving an extra \$1,000. She moved to approve the profit and loss for July 1, 2009, through May 26, 2010. Lea Darrah seconded. Motion approved.

V. Library server – *Cathy Farman*

- Cathy reported a request from librarian Amy Labson for a new server with a cost of \$3,000 to \$4,000. Lea Darrah moved to fund the server up to a cost of \$4,000. Sally Albertson seconded. Motion approved.

VI. Teacher's Report – *Heather Wade*

- Heather Wade talked about all the end-of-the-year activities at Holmes, including Teacher Appreciation, International Day, field trips, musical performances and more.

VII. Counselor's Report – *Ashley Nelson and Joanna Littell*

- Ashley and Joanna talked about end-of-the-year activities, summer school, scheduling and staffing in the counseling department and thanked the PTA and Cathy Farman in particular for her leadership.

VIII. Principal's report – *Derek Brothers*

- Derek discussed online bullying and encouraged parents to check the websites their children are using; talked about recent fire drills (intentional and unintentional), a locker vandalism incident and encouraged parents to remind their students that the 'Ninth Grade Prank' is not a tradition but carries consequences.
- Talked about staffing for next year and said seventh-graders will have seven periods; thanked the PTA for luncheons, student field trips, International Day and more.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Minutes prepared by Anne Ternus-Bellamy, PTA secretary