

**UEPTO meeting on Friday, October 16, 2009, called to order at 9:35 am.**

**ATTENDEES:** Sharon Parker, Karen Caruso, Karen Ammon, Alicia Duncan, Kim Lauder, Jen Horne, Tara Mangano, Melissa Scott, Matina Avgousti, Nancy Felter, Lubna Amiry, Nazek Amiry, Karen Latzing, Karen Dickinson, Becky Schultz, Kathleen Cadden, Ginny Covert, Beth Raube, Heather Childs, Karen Sassi, Cathy Huneke, Teresa McGlynn

Motion to approve minutes from September meeting: Jen Horne Second Motion: Kim Lauder

Mrs. Dadds Class performance

**Sharon Parker:** Focused on “Good News” related to school district. Unionville/Chadds Ford School District is ranked 2<sup>nd</sup> in student achievement in the state of Pennsylvania. Philadelphia Magazine looked at 7 counties in the area and out of 100 high schools, Unionville High School was ranked number 10. A new assessment that is being discussed this school year is called PVAS (Pennsylvania Value Added Assessment). It will measure how individual students grow from year to year. Staff is current on academic literature and research and continues to promote academic differences amongst our students.

Student Health- Lots of extra cleaning is taken place in the schools to help decrease the spread of germs. If she knows of confirmed cases of H1N1, she will notify district families. The vaccine will be administered in district, but they do not know when they will get it. An informative meeting will be taking place on Monday, October 19, 2009, from 6:00-6:45, at UHS. Information will continue to be released to parents when district is informed.

Initiatives: Distant learning is in early stages of discussion to have a “Cyber School” to help enhance our district’s programs. Seniors serving seniors is a program that was started this year and it’s hoped to continue as an annual event. Guided walks in several of the district’s schools are being discussed. This will open up our school to the community for walking, especially in the winter months.

High School construction is 2 weeks ahead of schedule. The academic wing will be open for next school year. The entire project will be about another 2 years.

Parent Concern: speed limit in front of schools for children who walk home from after school activities or to and from sporting events. This concern is going to be brought up to the municipality.

**Curriculum Council:** The focus for curriculum for the 2009-2010 school year is music, art, science, and family consumer sciences. Other curriculum areas will be discussed on an ongoing basis. A goal is to better parallel science with math concepts. Changes will also be made in middle school math. Matina will put an enews message together to let parents know what will be coming up in this curriculum cycle.

**Treasurer’s Report:**

- Calico Cupboard is over budget
- Sally Foster is about \$500.00 under budget
- Need to make about \$20,000 a year to get rid of fundraisers
- We are the lowest income raising PTO of all of the elementary schools.

\* All of our assemblies are paid for by the PTO. If money is not raised, there will be no assemblies.

**Enrichment:** Booster has low participation, Suggestions made to place Booster request in the summer mailing with more of an explanation.

Staff made requests and the following are up for vote:

1. Mr. Nelms- flip camcorder; 2 for \$150.00  
\*Concern was the whole school population would not have access. PTO suggests 2 camcorders to be housed with technology supplies.  
**Vote: all in favor**
2. Mrs. Hurley- foam balls for PE instruction. The cost is \$304.  
**Vote: all in favor**
3. Itouch for music instruction. The cost is \$528.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
4. SWEBS- Banners. The total cost \$700.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
5. Frames to help preserve posters around school related to SWEBS. The cost is \$400.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
6. Tether Balls/Rubber Mats for recess yard. The total cost is \$172.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
7. Mr. Duggan- Technology request for a converter box to be able to loop UE TV. The cost is \$224.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
8. Permanent TV screen/Apple TV for the lobby. Total cost \$980.00.  
**Vote: 12 yes, 1 no, 2 neutral - Request granted**
9. 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- 4 videos to enhance social studies curriculum. The cost is \$110.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**
10. Paraprofessionals/Staff subsidies- 16 people at \$25 each for a total of \$400.00.  
**Vote: all in favor**

**FOCUS:**

- “PARENTING” talk is being held at Patton Middle School Library on Wednesday, November 18, from 7:00-8:30.
- *The Price of Privilege* is a book the district and our PTO is suggesting all parents to read. Purchase of 20 books to be sold at the Book Fair.  
**Vote: all I’s in favor**
- Website: Bethere.org is a support site for parents

\* School board vote Nov. 3. Meet the candidates night on October 29 at UHS. Information will be coming home.

\* A parent identified appreciation by her brother for the Veteran’s Day Celebration.

Motion to adjourn:

**Meeting adjourned: 11:23**

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Karen Caruso, UEPTO secretary*