

Urbandale Middle School PTO Meeting
August 17, 2009

The meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Linda Wilson.

Mary Lazard, Clothing Sales Chair talked about the new shirts that were designed for this year. Shirts can be ordered at the Open Houses and order forms will be sent home with students.

Dr. Greg Robinson gave a talk on the Physical Plant and Equipment Levy (PPEL), the Local Options Sales Tax and the Urbandale Middle School renovation. There will be a school board election on September 8, 2009 and PPEL will also be on the ballot. All parents are encouraged to vote.

Introductions of those in attendance were given.

May minutes were approved.

Treasurer's report was approved.

Old Business:

- Thank you note from Laurie Raker, recently retired 8th grade social studies/language arts teacher
- Construction update: Pushed back from original starting date but will still proceed as planned as soon as permissions are granted. Estimated start is spring, 2010.

New Business:

- New Online Calendar on UMS website
- Blast e-mail can be sent to all UMS parents that have given us their e-mail address.
- School fundraiser: QSP magazine sales. Sue Richards committee chair still needing volunteers.

- Bleacher parents needed for home football games: September 4, 18 and 25 and October 9 and 16.
- Volunteers needed to help sixth graders and new students with lockers the first week of school.
- 6th Grade “Walk-a-bout” August 20 from 4:00 to 6:00 pm to bring supplies, meet teachers and practice opening lockers.
- 6th Grade Open House August 25 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. 7th-8th Grade Open House August 27 from 6:00 to 8:00 pm. PTO reps will be present with various sign up opportunities and Clothing rep will also be there both days.
- Honors Recognitions will be held: 7th grade Thursday, September 3 and 8th grade Friday, September 4 at 2:30 pm.
- Committee chairs introduced.
- First 7th-8th Grade party will be on October 23.
- \$250.00 was requested by Rachelle Bouwer for healthy snacks for after school groups including New Student/Friendship Group and Homework Group and was approved.

Principal Update:

- Mr. Meyer talked about the newsletter that is available online and especially the open letter to parents regarding UMS being designated a School in Need of Assistance and what that means. We already have Target help in Reading and Math and a recovery plan for identified deficiencies.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 pm.

Next PTO meeting on September 14 at 7:00 pm

Respectfully submitted by Karyl Behrens, UMS PTO Secretary