

Parent Congress Meeting Minutes for October 19, 2010

Present at the meeting: Sue Krieger (Oakdale), Michelle and Robert Smenner (Waite), Cathleen Smith (Hawkins), Scott McGorty (Bowsher), Chris Varwig (Bowsher), Michelle Alley (Arlington), Deb Russeau (ESC), Sandy Wiley-Steward (Walbridge/Rogers), Chuck Hilyard (McTigue/Rogers), Erin O'Connell (Ottawa River), Bonnie Herrmann (Crossgates/TECHS).

Meeting opened at 6:34pm. Introductions made around the room.

Sandy Wiley-Steward spoke about the Special Olympics Bake Sale to be held at participating schools on Election Day (November 2). Encouraged to spread the word to schools and encourage participation. Sandy discussed the programs offered to school age children within TPS. No money is received from TPS, so bakesale is needed to help raise funds. There is no cost to children to participate in the Special Olympics program. Volunteers are welcome at any time to assist with programs.

School funding map activity was facilitated by Mr. Dan Romano, Treasurer for TPS.

Brief discussion of 501(c)(3) requirements. Another bylaw amendment is needed for participating groups, per the IRS. In November meeting, we will discuss tax returns.

Parent Summits: The next one will be the Start Safari on November 23rd. Community organizations will be present.

Reminder that the 2011 Fundraising Expo (3rd annual) will be held on February 19, 2011 from 10a-2p at Bowsher High School.

Chris Varwig gave an update/reminder about College and Career 101 Night to be held on November 18, 2010 from 6-9pm at Bowsher High School. All students, parents, family members are invited, regardless of where they attend school. Many college and financial resources and information will all be available throughout the evening.

Discussion of the upcoming levy item on the ballot on November 2: we discussed common misinformation and ways to clarify. Superintendent Pecko was available and answered some questions from parents about budgetary issues.

Reminders that the next School Board meeting is Tuesday, October 26, 2010 at 5:30am. The next Parent Congress meeting will be November 16, 2010 at 6:30pm in the Board of Education meeting room. The proposed topic is "Who Does What in Our District".

Meeting adjourned.