

Battlefield High School Parent Teacher Organization Meeting Minutes

9 November 2010, 7:00 pm

1. Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Sharon Stoddard.
2. Minutes were read and accepted from the 12 Oct meeting.
3. Principal's Report: Suicide Prevention
 - Julie Byrne, from the Counseling Office, provided information on school suicide prevention action. The county has a crisis plan which Battlefield follows. There are students here that need some help. If anything is reported about a student it is followed up and if there is a risk of harm the case is referred to outside specialists. Sometimes comments are just a joke but it is always followed up and reported to the parents so they are aware and can be watchful. The recent deaths of Battlefield students still have an impact on our students. The program "Signs of Suicide" is presented in 9th grade PE.
 - The January Principal's Report will address bullying at Battlefield. Suggestions for discussion topics should be forwarded to Maria McDonald.
4. President's report:
 - Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$1978.11.
 - The school is working on moving the PTO website directly to the Battlefield website.
5. Committee Reports:
 - Membership: Currently we have 89 paid members. A copy of the application may be put in the school newsletter. Volunteer lists were passed to committee chairs.
 - After Grad:
 - Michelle Baker reported we received a \$200 donation. The draft Battle of the Bands poster looks great. Unfortunately website development has stalled. The design was taking too much study time from the students developing: they will be able to create the volunteer sign-up section.
 - Homecoming Coat Check: Everything went great. Wanda Miller and Gail Burns will chair the committee next year and work out the problems.
 - Scholarships: no update
 - Teacher Appreciation: Pamela Gillin is the chair. Event is the first week of May.
6. Old Business:
 - Pam Sharp sold 70 Spirit Pins during Homecoming, \$140 goes to the PTO.
 - PTO banner - no update.
 - PTO shirts - shirts will be ordered from Slopers at about \$20 each. Michelle Backer made a motion that PTO officers get free shirts, Wanda Miller seconded. Motion passed.
 - Storage is available for PTO near the auditorium. Sensitive material will be left in Maria McDonald's office.
7. New Business: Gail Burns will spearhead an action to have operating procedure notebooks and electronic folders for each committee and officer position.
8. Meeting was closed at 8:00. Next meeting: 14 December, 7:00 at Chicago Uno's in Gainesville

Martha Scott, Secretary