

**HANSHEW MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA
MINUTES
November 13, 2006
Hanshaw Library**

Present: Stephanie Lawley, Tina Clifford, Mimi Burbage, Lynda Maim, Kimberly Pickett, Sherry Ellers, Cheryl Hambree, Sandy Powley Sams

MEETING CONVENED: The meeting was convened at 5:35 P. M. by Stephanie Lawley.

REPORTS:

- A. Treasurer's report: The financial sheet was presented by Sandy Powley. There has been little activity. There is still an outstanding bill from last year for the yearbooks, which has been subtracted from the total just to show a more accurate balance. The final amount owed to Lifetouch has been negotiated by Stephanie Lawley and will be resolved soon. Parent dues are split between national, state and local PTA memberships. Two pending bills will be paid including one for the accounting firm from last year and liability insurance for this year. The bank statement will be sent out also.

- B. Principal's report:
 - a. The web page is in development by the librarian and one of the parents. It should be up and running soon with the newsletter, the school calendar, and various links to the teams. Stephanie suggested that we recognize their efforts in some way.
 - b. Dances will be help on 11/21 (8th) and 11/28 (7th grade) from 3-4:30.
 - c. The 4.0 breakfast for parents and teachers will be held this Thursday.
 - d. A grant for \$10,000 was awarded to the school to help bring up test scores for students below proficiency. Last year a similar effort helped those students to reach proficiency. There is a higher level of absenteeism in this group so some of the funds may be used for incentives to encourage attendance at special tutoring sessions. Last year 4 substitute teachers were hired for nine weeks.
 - e. The facilities staff are working on the lockers and the PA, which will be paid for with the legislative grant. There is not enough funding for all the work so priorities will be made.
 - f. Parent volunteers will be needed to help with honor roll and the newsletter distribution. The best way is to set a task and a date and ask for volunteers.

- C. Yearbook Committee: Tina Clifford. The yearbook is coming together. The cover design has been submitted. Tina will be meeting with the committee this week. She has been working on the history of Hanshaw. The Honor Society will make posters advertising the yearbook. After January 1st the cost will go up \$5.00 to a total of \$35.00 for each book.

- D. New Business Items: Stephanie Lawley. This year we should consider a theme around "Communication." We agreed to schedule two educational seminar meetings for parents. The first will be January 25th on the use of the Internet by children with a focus on such sites as "My space". This may help to educate parents on how their children use these sites and what pitfalls may exist. The second seminar will be tentatively scheduled for February 22nd and may revolve around gangs and violence. Stephanie will begin working on the first seminar and contact us for any help that we might be able to provide.

- E. Old Business items: E-scripts. This is a fundraiser where anyone can sign up at Carrs/Safeway to have a portion of their expenditures go to the entity of their choice, in this case the Hanshaw PTA. Anyone interested can sign up on line and list their Carr's card number. We will try to do this before the holidays.

Adjourned at 6:25 PM.