

PSTO Minutes from November 18, 2008

President JoAnn Miller called the meeting to order.

Administrative Report: Molly Abraham

- Discussed ongoing work with Power School to correct limitations. There have been some problems with viewing grades and not being able to see outstanding grades.
- Discussed the academic policy. The focus has been looking at what happened when a student receives an F and helping the student get more support and accommodations. There has been a reduction in F's since last year.

Faculty: Brady Shutt

- Thanks to PSTO for breakfast during teacher's work day.
- The second trimester program of study is done.
- The faculty is trying to increase communication with parents.

Student Senate Representative: Kate Goerdt

- A canned food drive will be held after Thanksgiving for a month.
- A talent show will be held after winter break which will be an all school event. The Student Senate will help with Project Holiday

Treasurer: Christy Fehlberg

- Staff appreciation bill was paid.

Secretary: Becky Leaven

- November minutes approved with correction that school safety officer is Brian Shimon

President: JoAnn Miller

- Introduced Mr. Kirpes , Math Club coach
- Introduced Sarah Gillespie and Caitlyn Reighly who discussed the World Language Open House which will be held Dec 11. Students in junior high and elementary schools are invited to see the programs of foreign languages at West.

Vice President: No report

Directory: No report.

Staff Appreciation: Barb Reck

- The breakfast served to teachers on November 11 was a success.

Hospitality: No report

DPO: Helene Donta

- School board will meet December 9 and discuss facilities report on all buildings and prioritizing.
- The change in the field trip policy was discussed.

- December 3 is a reception for Lane Plugge who was named Iowa superintendant of the year.
- Kerry Wiersma is project director for Safe School, Healthy Student grant, a 4 year grant
- West High will host the December 10, DPO meeting

Fine Arts: Pam Bourjaily

- Report was shared.

Landscaping: JoAnn Miller

- Three oak trees have been planted and work continues on a bench.

Club West: No report.

Volunteer Coordinator: Darla Kraske

- No report.

New business: JoAnn Miller

- The PSTO art show will be Thursday, Dec 4 prior to the play, Once Upon a Mattress. There will be a reception for the students and display set up in entry to auditorium.
- SSIKE will have a clothing drive prior to winter break, with boxes set up around the school.

Program: Math Club

- James Kirpes, Math Club coach and club members Tyler Chenhall, Thane Somers, Lena Ye, and Young Seol spoke on the success of the club. There have been 4 competitions so far this year. There are traveling and write in competitions. There are 90 members of the traveling team and they average 25-30 who attend the competitions.
- The club also holds Fun for Friday an informal after school group that averages 15-20 students. The students create work sheets and challenge each other in problem solving.

Old business: JoAnn Miller

- None

Meeting was adjourned.

Attendees: Christy Fehlberg, Brady Shutt, JoAnn Miller, Jennifer Noser, Becky Leaven, Molly Abraham, Barb Reck, Amy Nicholson, Helene Donta, Darla Kraske, Pam Bourjaily, Carolyn Johnson, James Kirpes, Kate Goerd, Cailtyn Reighly, Sara Gillespie, Thane Somers, Tyler Chenhall, Lena Ye, Young Seols
Respectfully submitted, Becky Leaven