

## Heritage Middle School PTSA Meeting Minutes for October 11, 2011

**Call to Order:** President Lauren Hoffman called the meeting to order at 5:08 p.m. Welcome.

11 people were in attendance:

Duane Bradley	Seth Bumgarner
Trish Garrison	Kevin Hoffman
Lauren Hoffman	Joe Kacsandi
Keri Loth	Kandi Murdock
Robin Pryfogle	Earl Rahm
Michael VanScyoc	Stephanie VanScyoc

Two people from LevyFacts.com came to speak regarding their stance on the Issue 20 school levy on the ballot Nov 8. They passed out door hangers. Their organization would like WCSOH to cut back on expenditures in other places, including health insurance and salaries.

Seth spoke, "What does the union say?" cost of living raises and the step increases were cut in half.

Rick Bannister from Our Community Our Schools ([ourcommunityourschools.org](http://ourcommunityourschools.org)) spoke. WCSOH (Information about the levy can also be found at [wcsoh.org/levy](http://wcsoh.org/levy).) is getting a 13.6 mill reduction in state funding and the tax bills are lower.

Kevin Hoffman, a member of the Westerville Board of Education, spoke regarding how cuts normally don't come back; citing industrial arts and home economics classes as examples. LevyFacts.com wanted the Board to cut salaries by 15%.

After some discussion and questions being answered regarding the school levy, the PTSA meeting actually began.

**President's Report:** A Motion to approve Robin as Treasurer was needed. Robin gave a short bio as to her credentials to fill the PTSA Treasurer position. Kevin gave the first motion, and Seth seconded. 6 yeas were given to approve Robin. Accolades were given to Karen Spiller for continuing to serve as a replacement was found for her.

Does the Heritage PTSA want to endorse Issue 20? Kandi gave the first motion and Kevin seconded. 5 yeas were given with one abstention.

The Secretary's report was tabled, since the minutes could not be printed. A hand-written copy of the minutes was passed out to all in attendance.

**Principal's Report:** C.I.P. (Continuous Improvement Plan) data will be brought to the next meeting.

Talk at the A.C.T. Regional Conference for 21<sup>st</sup> Century Learning in MS was scarce. Most of the conversation and sessions dealt with HS.

We are not only trying to improve academics for the students but also behavioral, organization, test-taking skills, data, SSR (Sustained Silent Reading), work habits. SSR 25 minute period that sometimes focuses on non-fiction books or informational text from newspapers or magazines. Each team has

different activities for character development, 21<sup>st</sup> century learning, and behaviors. Students can also use this time to get work done not supported at home or to do test make-ups.

**Renaissance:** Will be having a bake sale during the SAP conferences on 10/26 and 10/27. Reminder that students get points for going to club meetings and athletic events.

**Parent Council:** Calendar of Events was passed out by Seth. GFS is supporting 9 HS scholarships, including a Special Needs scholarship and one to a Non-Traditional School. If you got a weird late text from wctsoh.org, the BLAZE emergency contact test was not halted in proper manner. Unfortunately, some notifications went out at a late hour. Virtual Cast Backpacks are now available on the WCTSOH website under Heritage MS and is listed on the left side choices.

**Reflections:** Packets available from Pellington and Konik if you want to participate this year.

**Volunteers:** Still looking for PTSA volunteers for Library, Socials, Spirit wear, and Fundraising. The office volunteer slots are pretty full.

**Spirit wear:** Hope to have school store up and running for SAP on 10/26 and 10/27. The school store will also have school supplies.

**Socials:** Amy Whalen is hoping to have a 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade evening function, while the 6<sup>th</sup> graders have a gathering right after school.

**Change of Next Meeting Date:** Due to Election Day and school being cancelled on 11/8, Robin gave the first motion to change the November meeting to 11/15. Seth seconded the motion.

Kevin motioned to adjourn the meeting at 6:45, and Robin seconded.

**Next Meetings:** Tuesday, November 15 at 6:00 (after winter sports meeting) and Tuesday, December 13 at 5:00.