

MEETING MINUTES 10/20/2011

Welcome and Introductions

Mary Ann went over the response from the teachers and administration for thoughtfulness in decorating the lounge and for showing our support at Homecoming by entering a float (We won 1st place in the clubs and organizations division). Several Thank You cards that had been received were passed around. Halloween candy to be passed out at high school (parents dressed like pirates) on 10/31.

Amy Westover discussed REMC grant application. Need organization name, officers and minutes to apply for Fed. ID #, bank accounts, and grant application. After discussion, name to be UCHS Parent Advocates, Officers: Mary Ann Paxton - President, Kelly Finch – Vice President, Amy Westover and Renee Felton – Treasurer, and Gina Felton – Secretary

Amy will get grant application in when she has gathered all needed #'s and accounts.

Melanie Caldwell (first time member) asked if school system was on board with this group. Mary Ann explained that we had been invited in by the school to help improve Communication and give input where needed. She explained that we had a good working relationship with teachers and administrators. Amy Westover added that Dr. Rozelle had personally thanked her and Chris for chaperoning the Homecoming dance and all the things that we were doing has a parent group.

Pal-Item article dated 8/30 regarding state grading of public schools. We have a C grade? When Mary Ann questioned this with the school administration she was told that we had improved the most amount possible and that we would keep that grade for 2 years. The more important issue was the AYP (adequate yearly progress) and did we meet that? Yes we did. Also told that there is a link on the school website? to the state government website that explains more about the grading system.

Reality Store – Will be held on 11/17 in Franklin County. Mary Ann will be willing to go and observe. We would like for someone else to go also. Several people said they would check their schedules.

Need School Volunteers – To volunteer for a 3 hr. shift every week (every other week if we can get enough), to help out with busy work at the high school. Need 3 more volunteers to get this started. We would like to start the 1st week in Nov. Volunteers will need to go through a criminal background check.

Cum laude vs. Top 10 to be discussed at November School Board Meeting. There is a

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survey on the school webpage for parent input on this issue.

Contest from Bath State Bank for high school students discussed. Need a video on "What Savings Means to Them" by 11/1/2011.

Parent Group will have a link on the school web page to let parents know what we are doing and how they can join.

Gina Felton – gave update on Junior College Mentor program that she is working on. She has several adults to help mentor students. Per Marcia Thomas there are 65 juniors interested in going to college. Gina would like input on those students with the most need for outside help and how best to help them. We will be talking to Marcia and guidance counselors for more input.

Senior Exit – Karla Barnhizer was to give presentation but could not be there due to family obligation. Surveys for teachers, parents, and students, discussed. Mary Ann will put together survey forms and email them to parent group members for suggestions and approval. We will also work on evaluating student handbook for senior exit.

Committees: Teacher surveys:

Amy and Chris Westover, Parent surveys: Rene Felton, Gina Felton, Student surveys: Jennifer Cook-Miller and Suzie Latham, and Student Handbook: Mary Ann Paxton and Melanie Caldwell

Parent Helpers for Freshman Advisors: Have 8 parent volunteers: Mary Ann Paxton, Gina Felton, Chris Rude, Gary Finch, Donna Mathews, Pam Caskey, Amy Westover and Steve Logue. Will be setting up first meeting with advisors soon.