

Ridge HS PTO Meeting

September 15, 2009

The first general PTO meeting for the 2009-2010 school year was called to order at 7:05 pm in the Ridge HS Auditorium.

The **PTO Co-Presidents, Donna Levine and Deborah Duvall** introduced the Executive Board.

- **1st VP of Volunteers, Jennifer Behrins** – seeking a volunteer to be the PTO representative on the 250 year Bernards Twp. Celebration committee; the Art show coordinator for Charter Day; and someone to organize the Graduation caps and gowns.
- **2nd VP of Programs, Carol Jean Floegel** – upcoming speaker at next meeting 11/14
- **3rd VP of Newsletters, Gayle Shimoun and Linda Wooldrige** – Ridge Bridge submission and deadline information.
- **Treasurer, Chris Piros** – Current acct. balance is \$26,963. Income thus far is \$11565 from Membership dues and \$130 from Donations. Expenses thus far is \$107 for Web Site fees. Currently behind by approx \$5,000 from past years dues collected.
- **Secretary , Vivian Fentress**
- **Communications Officer, Susan Fata** – designs, maintains and updates all information on the website. www.ridgepto.com

New Business:

Back to School Nights

9th and 12th grade: September 24, 2009 at 7:00pm

10th and 11th grade: October 1, 2009 at 7:00pm

Introduction of Ridge HS Principal – Mr. Frank Howlett

Informed of a very smooth opening of the school year. The state has conducted a building inspection and has found the HS to be a most impressive, clean building.

An assembly has been held with each of the class grades, to discuss the expectations and philosophies of Ridge HS.

Seniors

- parking rules reviewed (must park in assigned spots with parking tag)
- no parking in Municipal or Varsity lots
- no leaving school without permission
- no using the car as a locker
- spot can be revoked for violator and their parking partner
- a town ordinance allows for ticketing
- no "Visitors" parking
- beware of buses and WATCH SPEED

Bullying

- zero tolerance
- Mr. Howlett reminds students to “Be Excellent to Each Other”
- A noted speaker on the subject, Dr. Fallon, will conduct a program for 9th grade.

Cell Phones

- not allowed during school hours; if used, phone will be confiscated; Saturday detention
- failure to surrender phone will result in suspension
- legal for Administration to view text messages
- phone on Welcome Desk and in the Main Office can be used for calls by students.

Substance Abuse

- Confidentiality if a student reports a suspected problem about themselves or of a fellow student to the Student Assistance Counselors, Ms. Hoffman, or Mr. Gillikin.
- Admin. Is required to send a student for drug testing if a teacher reports the student may be under the influence.
- Police charges filed for possession of illegal substances, plus a 10 day suspension.

Swine Flu

- practice good hygiene
- no food/eating allowed in classrooms (germs from desks, etc.)
- do not come to school sick
- wipes are provided in computer labs

Dress Code - appropriate dress code discussed

Cafeteria - custodians disinfect tables between lunches

Theft - Lock up valuables. School is not responsible for lost/stolen items

Sportsmanship - proper fan and player etiquette

Challenge Yourself

- Time/Stress management
- Communicate
- Don't be afraid to ask for help
- Tell the truth
- Be kind

Meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Vivian Fentress
Recording Secretary