

## Stillwell PAC Minutes

9/10/09

- I. Meeting was called to order and everyone attending introduced themselves.
- II. There were no committee reports to share.
- III. 2009/2010 registration process was reviewed. Stephanie Beckett and Beth Graff were recognized for all their hard work on registration this year. Photos for Student ID's were taken this year at registration for the first time. It was agreed that this was a good addition and, next year, packets for ordering school pictures will be sent out with registration information so parents can come prepared to make those orders.
- IV. Open house was also reviewed and all present felt it went very well and appreciated the additional time in the classrooms. Also, it was agreed the move to Wednesday night was a positive one. Mr. Kuhnert commented on the great parent turnout for orientation this year.
- V. Magazine Sales which funds all of Stilwell's extra-curricular activities begins September 21, 2009. Stilwell needs to clear approximately \$30,000 to fund all of those activities which equates to approximately \$75,000 in sales. The co-chairs stated the need for 9-10 parent volunteers on "turn in" days: 9/24, 9/28, 10/1 and 10/5. Donations can be made in lieu of ordering magazines: \$10.00 donation = 1 magazine sale for prize purposes. Renewals can be done but can't use coupons and must use exact information off mailing label or it can result in two magazines being sent. Everyone was reminded that orders can be made year round by using the link on the Stilwell website.
- VI. Career Day planning is about to begin. 47 people have volunteered to share their careers with students. A committee will determine which careers will be presented and then students will be asked to rank those careers in order of interest. Every effort will be made to match the student with his/her top picks. Career Day will be presented to 8<sup>th</sup> graders only between 7:45 and 10:30 am on April 13, 2010.
- VII. Mr. Kuhnert reported that fall activities are underway and going well. Close to 90% of student body turned in physical examination forms which indicate a desire to participate in sports at some time during the year. The auditions for this year's play "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow" are underway and rehearsals will begin soon. Fan appreciation night at Stilwell/Indian Hills football game went well with Stilwell winning with the most attendance at the game.
- VIII. Mr. Kuhnert discussed expectations of students at all football games – students should sit in the stands, in the Jr. High section or with their parents, and not hang out behind the bleachers. Mr. Kuhnert and/or Mr. Miller attend the games and supervise the Jr. High section and if inappropriate behavior is observed, parents will be called and the student will be asked to leave. Sue Sorge invited all parents to get involved with Valley Boosters and volunteer at concession stands.
- IX. The After the Bell program is under way. Students can do homework and receive help, if needed, until 4:00pm Monday-Thursday at no cost. If they want to ride the bus, they must sign up in the office before lunch. The Teen Center is also open. This is not a study environment and is run by WDM Parks and Rec (not Stilwell) and is open to students after school for recreation.
- X. Picture retakes are on September 30. Students who did not get their photos taken at registration will have their pictures taken on that day.
- XI. Harassment/bullying assemblies have been held to teach students how to avoid it, how to combat it, tattling vs. telling, and cyber bullying.

- XII. Mr. Kuhnert discussed the fact that teachers were given the option of showing President Obama's recent speech to America's students in their classes, either live or taped. Students did not have to watch the speech and were excused to read a book, go to the media center, etc.
- XIII. Mr. Kuhnert explained that Stilwell tried to come up with a general supply list for all 7<sup>th</sup> grade Teams and all 8<sup>th</sup> grade Teams which required a lot of work by the teachers and administrators. Despite their best efforts, one of the supply lists (and, there for, a group of prepackaged boxes) contained a 4" binder that not every Team in the grade wanted. Stilwell offered to buy the binders back from anyone who got one. Those present agreed that it is helpful to have a supply list before registration and understood they would then receive a smaller supply list by Team assignment when they registered. This was preferred over not receiving any sort of supply list until registration.
- XIV. The next PAC meeting will be Thursday, November 5, 2009 at 7 p.m. All those who attended were encouraged to bring one other parent with them to the next meeting!
- XV. Open forum – It was discussed that Target Visa cards allow the holder to designate a school to be a beneficiary of funds based on how much is spent on the card and changing that designation can be done very simply online. It was also pointed out that Office Depot allows purchasers to designate a school they wish a percentage of the purchase to be donated to. Also, Wells Fargo employees can apply for matching funds on the magazine sales.