PTO Meeting for October 13, 2014

PTO President Michelle Myers welcomed everyone to the meeting

Minutes from the September meeting were passed out for everyone to look over

A motion was made to approve the minutes from previous month’s meeting, motion seconded and everyone present voted to approve the minutes

Treasurer’s Report was given by treasurer Christy Morgan and the account balance was reported as being $500.92

Ms. Mahan and VP Activities Tammi Bird reported how the planning was progressing for Fall Festival

-Notes were sent home about Fall Festival

-Oct. 24 was given as the due date for parents to bring in chips and candy as donations for refreshments

-Pepsi was contacted by Tammi Bird and agreed to donate drinks, both 2 liters and canned drinks

-Cakes and other similar baked goods were requested as donations for the cake walk event and would be due in on Nov. 5. Those items could possibly contain peanuts or cinnamon in them. This likelihood was addressed in the note sent home to parents.

-$50 teacher rewards Walmart gift card was also donated from Walmart for one lucky teacher to win at the festival

-PTO had agreed to volunteer their help at the concessions

-Proceeds would go again to the playground fund for the school

VP of Membership, Della Carroll, reported on progress of planning the Breakfast with Santa event for this Dec. 6. The event will be held from 9 am-1 pm.

This year’s activities will include with the ticket price for the breakfast:

-Reindeer Games

-Pictures with Santa

-Mrs. Claus will read “Twas the Night Before Christmas” in the school library

-A table selling baked goods

-Ticket prices will be $2/person

Q&A session with Superintendent Dennis Byrd followed normal PTO business. Also present to talk about the latest results from the school’s state testing were Mr. Peters, School Principal, Mr. Abbott high school and middle school Dean of Students, Ms. Mahan elementary Dean of Students, Dana Hale, Director of Special Education, and Mr. Connell, Director of Instruction.

According to school administration the Program Review scores for last year were factored into our scoring as a school.

This was the first year or the pilot year for the new core standards to be in place with overall education rating.

We gave ourselves accurate reviews and scoring in the Program Review data and grading

Our ACT scores went up this year from the previous years, so improvements are taking affect, but very slowly.

Parents did have numerous questions in place, many of which addressed the new grading standards in the elementary.

Concerns were raised by one parent about test prep programs for students to help them prepare for taking the ACT tests for the current and future school years.

The administration sited lack of funds as the reason for not having one. Were amenable to starting one with volunteers, as well as an after school tutoring session for reading and/or math for students who need it.

The lack of an active grant writer for the school was mentioned. No solution to this was really brought up by those present.

After the Q&A session the next PTO meeting was announced as being on November 11 at 6 pm in the Media Center/Library at the school.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and the motion was passed to adjourn the meeting.