

# Sweet Home Parents and Teachers Organization (P.T.O.)

August 25, 2003

President Dr. Neil Campbell called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM in the school gymnasium. There were a total of 43 persons who signed in at this meeting.

President Campbell introduced the officers of the PTO for 2003-2004 and their duties. He also announced that Ms. Bludau was one of the top finalists for the Texas Superintendent Award of the Year and explained what a great honor that was for her and for the Sweet Home School. She was presented with a bouquet of flowers as a news release was read explaining her tough competition including schools of much greater size.

Jo Ann Bludau (Superintendent / Principal) introduced the faculty and staff for Sweet Home and their current school assignments. She also expressed her gratitude for being in Sweet Home and introduced as well as credited her own parents for their help and her success.

President Campbell moved on to old business as to allow the teachers to be released to prepare their rooms for open house. The priority was setting a date for the Annual Chili Supper. January 31, 2004 was a proposed date. Allan Monk suggested to call the Yoakum Chamber of Commerce to check if there are any other events conflicting with that date. Lolly Mican made the motion to accept the proposed day if there were no conflicts. Terry Hermes seconded, and the motion carried.

In addition to the chili supper, President Campbell explained the Sweet Home Music Festival is another great fundraiser each year. He asked if we would like to participate again and opened the meeting for discussion. The discussion included the fact that last year it was really too hot for sweet foods, and perhaps we should just provide drinks. Ms. Bludau said it may be better to use coolers and ice instead of needing a trailer. Nachos, frito pie, and chili dogs were suggested as food to provide. Christine Brown stated she was in charge of fundraising, and would use the school office to communicate needs and organize the event. Christie Talbert made the motion to participate in the festival. Allan Monk seconded, and the motion carried.

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At this time, Ms. Bludau explained the open house procedures that would include short presentations in each class. With limited time, the minutes of the May meeting were accepted without being read.

The Treasurer Beth Campbell was asked to speak about some changes to the treasurer's report and updated format. She explained the difference in the amounts of scholarship recipient funds, and encouraged parents to notice their hard work in the PTO and its result. There were also explanations given regarding the income programs including the cartridge program, the teacher budgets, and the money market interest. The President explained the budget categories and asked members to spend time looking at them and present any questions at the next meeting. The treasurer's report was accepted with a balance of \$15,095.81.

Finally, the President invited all to become a member of the PTO and everyone was asked to fill out a membership form and pay their due money to the Treasurer.

The next P.T.O. meeting will be held on the Tuesday, September 9, 2003 at 6:00 pm in the school cafeteria.

Meeting adjourned.

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President – Dr. Neil Campbell

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Secretary – Tiffany Johnson

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