

**Vestal District Council**  
**January 20, 2010**  
**7 - 8 pm**

**Present:** No attendance taken.

**Minutes:** November minutes.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- No report

**President's Report:**

- No report

**Administration: (Mark Capobianco/Regina Felice)**

- No report.

**Board of Education: (Shoba Agneshwar)**

- Search for the new Superintendent continues. It has been narrowed down to 3 candidates. Official announcement will be on February 1.

**Member Unit Reports:**

**AFRICAN ROAD:**

- ARE PTO now has a Facebook page: African Rd. Elementary PTO.
- After school Arts Program going very well. Classes at max capacity and creating second sessions for overflow.
- After-school Language Program started up again after a hiatus. We are offering French, and class is at capacity.
- December Book Fair raised \$875. First time they have tried it.
- Some of the money raised through the Box Tops for Education program was used to purchase Popcorn air-poppers to use in the classrooms.

**CLAYTON AVENUE:**

- No report.

**GLENWOOD:**

- We have our science fair on February 4.
- There is combined orchestra concert with Glenwood and Clayton Ave (for the first time) tomorrow January 20 at Clayton Ave auditorium.
- Parents are adapting to the new release time procedures. Walkers are let go after all the buses have left instead of before. No more signing kids out at end of day - you must notify school earlier in the day by either note or phone call that you plan on picking child up, and support staff will retrieve child from classroom and brings them to you in central location. (eliminates kids wandering alone in hallway).
- We are also participating in Trivia night at the middle school.

**TIOGA HILLS:**

- After-School Programs begin in March.
- Polycom Unit purchased by PTA for the school. This unit will enable students and teachers the experience of a "virtual field trip" without leaving the school. The unit creates a direct audio and visual real time connection to people in

different schools, towns, museums etc. It is expected to expand/support the school curriculum.

- PARP is up and running and will continue through April.
- Holiday Shop took place in December. The event was thoroughly enjoyed by the children. This was not intended to be a serious fundraiser.
- Fifth Grade is holding a Tubing Day at Greek Peak.
- 1000 Book Club is underway for the school year. Intent of program is to offer 3 and 4 year olds the opportunity to borrow books (1 bag at a time - 10 books) with the intent that they will have read 1000 books before entering kindergarten.

#### **VESTAL HILLS:**

- Continue to look at PTA vs. PTO.
- Continue PARP for the rest of the year.
- Begin Foreign language after school program.
- Toddlers Night Out being organized for spring.
- Math Game Night for families.
- We are planning the District Council dinner for June.

#### **VESTAL MIDDLE SCHOOL:**

- Three teams of seventh-graders will be going to BAE to present their Architecture Awareness Project.
- Lourdes Hospital had a naming contest for their new Robotics Surgical equipment and the first-, second- and third-place winners are all from VMS. The entire sixth-grade class will get to go to Lourdes and see the Robot in action.
- April 14 - 18 OPUS singing group will be going to Disney in Florida. The invitation was based on last year's NYSMA scores. Administrators will be the chaperones. Numerous fundraisers are planned.

#### **VESTAL SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL:**

- PTO-sponsored Back-Pack Program through the Food Bank will be held January 20.
- A Seminar entitled "Is it teenage angst or depression?" by Merryl Wallach will be held on March 10 at 7 p.m. in Room 181.
- Character Education Partnership meeting on January 27 to present the survey results from VHS and VMS.
- Holiday Tea was a great success.
- SRO Nick Zakrajsek is working with a group of students who have expressed an interest in cleaning up and refurbishing the outside courtyard next to the cafeteria.
- SRO Nick Zakrajsek did his Drug Awareness presentation for parents on January 14.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm.

**Upcoming Meetings: all at 7 pm**

**February 17, 2010**

**March 17, 2010**

**April 21, 2010**

**Monday, May 10, 2010 - Meet the Candidates Night**

**Thursday, June 10, 2010 - 6:30 reception, Scholarship Dinner**

**Officers for 2009-2010:**

<b>President:</b>	<b>Melanie Wagner</b>
<b>Vice-President:</b>	<b>OPEN</b>
<b>Treasurer:</b>	<b>Linda Mohr</b>
<b>Secretary:</b>	<b>Lisa Kerns</b>