DIXIE HOLLINS HIGH SCHOOL – PTSA/SAC Minutes

November 8, 2011

6:30 P.M.

<u>In attendance</u>: Catherine Briggs, Helen Tyler, Tom Lynd, Gwen Vandenburgh, Lisa Scott, Eleanore Ralston, Jenny Collins, Diane Becker, Marcia Miller and Dan Evans.

Welcome: Catherine Briggs opened the meeting at 6:35 P.M.

Approval of Minutes:

The minutes of the October 11, 2011 PTSA meeting were approved. The minutes of the October 11, 2011 SAC meeting were approved.

<u>Treasurer Report</u>: Lisa Scott reported as follows:

Current Balance: \$725.43 Deposits: 42.00 Withdrawals 0.00

Membership Report: Eleanore Ralston reported as follows:

We have 3 new members; 2 teachers and 1 parent.

New Business:

Lisa Scott reported on the Senior Party which is scheduled for 6/1/12 from 7-10 PM in the school cafeteria.

Dr. Evans reported as follows:

The Spirit Group Meeting is scheduled for 11/9. The contact person for this group is Ken Arrison.

A proposal for a new Senior Directory was discussed.

Dr. Evans suggested on meeting nights with speakers we have a separate business meeting to encourage parent participation.

Presentation: Project Scoliosis

Dr. Jacqueline Smith gave a presentation to the group stressing the importance of early detection of Scoliosis.

<u>Future Events</u>:

Dr. Evans reported as follows:

The Anthony Melcher Memorial Race is on hold at the present time.

The Food Drive will start on 12/17. The collection activities will begin shortly after Thanksgiving break. There was a discussion about the distribution of donations.

The college fair is scheduled for 11/9. The teachers are being encouraged to wear their college shirts. Approximately 30 colleges will be represented.

Theresa Zemaitis, Dixie teacher and Mayor of Kenneth City, is working with the city to have the Dixie graphics arts department assist with new signs for Kenneth City.

Past Events Update:

Dr. Evans reported as follows:

The Art Expo was held on 10/13 and was well received.

The Taste of Dixie, held on Homecoming evening, went well and was well attended.

Discovery Night was held on 11/3 and was a showcase for Middle School students and parents.

New Business:

Dr. Evans reported as follows:

Dr. Evans reported that parent involvement is up a school functions.

A new website, dixiehollins.org is up and running. It is a showcase for student art, writing poetry, etc. Dr. Evans will me monitoring this site for appropriate material. The students are very enthusiastic about this new site.

Diane Becker discussed the importance of parent involvement.

SAC Business:

Dr. Evans reported as follows:

School grades are expected out soon. Dixie is expected to improve its grade to a C. The school continues to work to improve reading and math scores. Attention must be paid to the school sub groups.

The recent State visit went well. They are returning soon to check on continued improvement.

There has been an improvement in discipline. Of the 1,600 students at Dixie, over 1,300 have had no referrals. Of the 300 who have received referrals the majority were for tardiness and other minor infractions. Only 23 students have had 5 or more referrals.

The NOPE program was discussed. The contact person for this program is Laurie Serra, laurie.serra@gmail.com

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.

Next meeting: December 13, 2011