

PTO Meeting
Monday June 1st, 8:45am
Sarah Adams Cafeteria

The Sarah Adams PTO Officers provided a breakfast for all PTO members to say “thank you” for all the support throughout the year. After everyone served themselves from the buffet, Carol Cramer opened the meeting by thanking everyone for all they have done for the PTO this school year. Carol announced that for the 2009-2010 school year, she would be co-chairing the office of President with Shelley Cooper.

Shelley reviewed the PTO positions which remain unfilled for next year: Cultural Arts, Orbit Skate, Silent Auction, Fun Fair, Donations Committee and Beautification. She briefly described each position and asked anyone interested in volunteering for one of the open positions to talk to either herself or Carol.

Carol presented the new Sarah Adams PTO bylaws. She explained that the PTO needs to have by-laws in order to file for tax exempt status from the government. Carol reviewed each section in detail. The suggestion was made to advertise the fact that all parents are members of the PTO, as described in Article IV, Section 1. It was clarified that although Article IV, Section 2 allows all meetings to be open to all PTO members, some meetings are not advertised and are used for planning purposes. When reviewing Article V, Section 3, the question was asked whether it is the faculty representatives’ responsibility to communicate PTO events to the staff. Claudia Mall replied that it was. Carol called for a vote to approve the by-laws. The by-laws were approved unanimously.

Principal Claudia Mall discussed some of the things that the school would be doing next year. She informed the parents in attendance that during the first week of school in the fall, students would line up outside in front of the school by class. Teachers would all be out front to greet and assist the students.

Mrs. Mall described how the school would be using MAP test scores, ISATs, and Aimes Web testing to drive instruction at every level. Early interventions would be important parts of both the reading and math programs. She said that next year a laptop lab would be set up and available to classes who reserve time, rather than portable laptops being brought into the classroom.

Mrs. Mall is planning to hold a Principal Forum next year, perhaps the 4th Friday of each month. It would be an informal chat time for school related discussion. These discussions would not be related to PTO activities. Also, on the first school day of each month, the students will have a brief assembly about the character traits and to celebrate student successes.

Carol Cramer concluded the meeting by thanking everyone again for coming, and inviting them to help themselves to more food!