

**January 2009 PTA Meeting Minutes**  
**Thursday, January 8, 2009**

**Co-Presidents' Report:**

Nicole Wylie reports that she and Loretta Fox went to a Parent Council Meeting last night. AEF announced at that meeting that their newest goal is to have white boards placed into every Elementary classroom (they are already in the Junior High and Senior High). They plan to fund this with a Carnival Fundraiser at the Senior High at the beginning of October. Also, the AEF's Annual Gala is scheduled for April 30, 2009 at the Philmont Country Club. Nicole reports that there was a lot of interesting information at the Parent Council Meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Erin Brown reports that the up to date Budget report, as of 12/31/2008, is available on the back table at the meeting.

**Administrative Report:**

Dr. Kline reports that Copper Beech will have its seventh anniversary on January 28, 2009. The Barnes and Noble Night was great success. Look for pictures of that night on display (at the PTA meeting). Thank you to all those who participated. There was a lot of positive feedback! The Martin Luther King, Jr. Assembly is on January 16; peace awards will be presented. Crazy Day Fridays will be starting soon – look for the flyer coming home with specifics. PSSA Writing test will be coming up for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade soon. Individual results will be coming home soon for last year's Science PSSA test. Copper Beech had the highest scores in the district for the two tests last year! Check out 2009-2010 enrollment projections for Copper Beech and all other Abington schools at <http://www.abington.k12.pa.us/>. Dr. Kline and Mr. Etlen demonstrate how to read the projection report.

Mr. Etlen announces that the United States' Presidential Inauguration will be on televisions throughout the school on Tuesday, January 20, 2009. Moreover, PDE has lesson plans online and many teachers throughout the school will be incorporating the inauguration into their lesson plans.

**Teachers' Report:**

Ms Philippi thanks the PTA for the Sky Dome Assembly. The students and teachers loved it! There were 175 gift items collected for Toys for Tots by Student Council.

**Committee Reports:**

**Spring Fair:** Loretta Fox reports that Lois Odabas and Theresa Keenan-Flite have volunteered to be our Spring Fair Lead coordinators! Volunteers are needed! Please sign up for something! The fair will be on Saturday, May 9, 2009!

**Publishing Center:** Lisa Michael reports that the first Volunteer meeting will be tomorrow morning in the PC Center at 10:30am. A co-captain is still needed for first grade! The Grade Captain meeting will be tomorrow in the PC Center at 9:30am. At-home typist volunteers will be contacted soon by Patty McDonough.

**Family Fun Night (Bingo Night):** Maura Hinkle reports that Family Fun Night will be on Friday, January 23 from 7pm – 9pm. There will be snacks, refreshments, and BINGO! Unwanted new gifts are needed (to be given as prizes to both children and adults). Please bring them to the PTA office.

**Sweetheart Dance:** Julie Nahill reports that the Sweetheart Dance will be on Friday, February 20. Unlike years past, *any special (adult) someone* can come with the female student (*does not have to be a male*). Volunteers are needed. There will be a bake sale and a craft.

**Casino Night (Adult Fundraiser):** Ellen DeStefano reports that the “adults-only” fundraiser will be on Saturday, March 28 at Homestead Hall in Jenkintown. Prize donations are requested, as is help with the food.

**Science Day** will be held on June 11, 2009.

Mrs. Kufta and Mrs. Boff thank the PTA for the visiting author, the Reading Olympics, and the new Promethean Board.

**Promethean Board Presentation by Mrs. Kufta and Mrs. Boff:**

Mrs. Kufta and Mrs. Boff demonstrate for the PTA attendees what a wonderful and engaging teaching tool the new Promethean Board has been (and will be!) for the library and for every classroom! Thanks for a great presentation!

**Next PTA Meeting: Thursday, February 12 @ 7:30pm**