

## **PTSA Meeting August 17, 2009**

### **Our Mission Statement**

***To promote and highlight the exceptional qualities of the Oscar Smith High School students in an effort to earn a positive reputation, improve school spirit, and create leaders that can mentor and build a strong community***

Attendees:

Denise R.  
Lisa F.  
David S.  
Lisa P.  
Paul J.  
Tiffanie S.  
Katherine B.  
Shani S.  
Kimmi S.  
Selena W.  
Lisa B.  
Bill B.  
Pat S.  
Melissa E.  
Mercedes M.

Denise introduced the new PTSA Mission Statement!!!! (see above)

Meeting opened with a discussion about the upcoming August 28<sup>th</sup> ESPN Football game. Bill shared the pictures that were chosen for the calendar fundraiser. Volunteers will receive parking passes for the game.

Volunteers who will be assisting with the mailing of schedules need to be at school by 9:00 am on Friday

Tiffanie S. provided an update on the upcoming Staff Welcome Back Breakfast. She has secured the donation of chicken biscuits from Chic Fil A and has also gained some preliminary commitment from Food Lion on Gainsborough Square to assist with either a gift card or food for this breakfast. Mr. J. provided the school letterhead Tiffanie needs to formally request some assistance. She has also made contact with Golden Corral and Panera who could be potential

sponsors in the future. We will have a membership table at the breakfast. Mr. J. is working on a faculty advocate who could spearhead our drive for 100% faculty membership in PTSA.

Freshman Orientation Sept. 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:30 pm- Membership booth will have our new mission statement, talking points about our goals for the school year, volunteer forms, and 4 gift baskets for the membership raffle.

Katherine B. has set up the OSHS PTSA Website

Beautification- Lisa B. has great ideas on how to aesthetically improve how our school looks on the outside. Mr. J. said there was \$250 out of the general budget allotted to assist with this but could potentially get more. SCA, IB, and ROTC students all need community service hours so they should be helping us accomplish this goal.

Mr. J. suggested that PTSA partner with feeder school PTSAs to promote collaboration and a sharing of ideals.

Mr. J. would also like to see OSHS has an Academic Hall of Fame (already have Athletic Hall of Fame)

Strong support to have an Open House next Spring for all middle schools that feed into OSHS. This could be advertised in the Clipper and open to the public in general. Gives OSHS the opportunity to highlight all the wonderful programs, clubs, etc.... which builds enthusiasm in those students who will be transitioning over the next several years.

PTSA will be participating in the South Norfolk Baptist Church Soup Kitchen on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

All PTSA meetings will be the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday in each month at 6:30. Next meeting Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>.