

Woodrow Wilson PTO Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, November 18, 2009

The meeting was called to order by PTO President Colleen Alleyne, and started at 6:40 pm.

The main focus of the meeting was to discuss the Balanced Literacy Program. Dr. Nocera, Mrs. Ramage, Ms. Salamone and Ms. Daley provided parents with an overview of the Language Arts Program.

Some highlights that support the Balanced Literacy Program:

- WWMS went from 7 periods per day to 8.
- There is now an 84 minute block for Language Arts.

In order to create life-long readers and increase adult reading frequency, the balanced approach is being used in the classroom. The teachers model the balanced approach, give guidance, provide a series of reading strategies and support the students during various reading activities

Students in both grades are performing a variety of tasks such as journal writing – during reading they have to connect with the text. There is pleasure reading, student – teacher strategy review, formal writing lessons, sharing, listening ... pre-testing, post-testing etc. The goal is to help the kids think while they are reading.

There are 18 members in the after school writing club, which meets every Thursday from 2:45 - 4:00 PM in Room 613. The kids who are in the club are having lots of fun with writing activities.

Dr. Nocera has seen growth year after year ... approx. 10-15% improvement.

Due to the Holidays, there is no PTO meeting in December. The next meeting is scheduled for January 27th. The topic at that meeting will be what a MHS freshmen can expect. There will be teachers and Guidance Counselors from MHS in attendance.

RAMs in Action is doing a “Who I Am Shout Out ... remind your kids that they are due by Wednesday November 25th.”

The PTO is researching a Spring fund-raiser – no other fund-raisers during the winter.

Upcoming Events:

- Dec. 11 – dance
- Dec 4th Citizen of the month and Honor Roll breakfast.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.