

**SMPTO Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2011**

- I. Call to order/Welcome by Susan Ritter
29 people present, including board, principals and three teacher representatives
- II. Introductions by all executive board members
All board members present
- III. Treasurer's Report
a. We currently have \$22,371. This month we spent money on the welcome back luncheon, \$50 to each teacher and school supplies.
- IV. Principal Reports
 - A. Mr. Boley (Principal-W.G. Rice Elementary) thanked SMPTO for the money given to each teacher and the teacher luncheon.
 1. On Thursday, November 10th, will be the 50th anniversary celebration of W.G. Rice Elementary. Mr. Boley is working on idea/activities for the kids to partake in that day.
 2. Everyone managed to get through the first week of school, the Every Bubbler CARES initiative is being rolled out.
 3. Mr. Boley answered a parent question regarding new teachers to the school this year. In addition, Mr. Boley reported that largest class at Rice contains 23 students.
 - B. Mrs. Adams (Principal-Iron Forge Educational Center) reminded new parents that IFEC consists of 4th and 5th grades only with seven sections of team teachers per grade.
 1. IFEC offers Chess Club, run by Mr. Barrick, the 3rd-5th grade counselor. The Homework Club is fully staffed and operating after school four days each week. In addition, the SM Parks & Rec Department offers some after school activities held at IFEC and Yellow Breeches Middle School.
 2. IFEC's Back-to-School night for parents is Thursday, September 15th.
- V. Gertrude Hawk Fundraiser (September 30th –October 21st)
 - A. SMPTO's largest fundraiser!
 - B. Last year one student sold approximately \$1,500 during the candy sale.

