

**Kilmer PTA Meeting**  
**September 16, 2009**  
**10:00 am – 12:00 pm (Eastern Time)**

The meeting was opened by the 2009-2010 President Sonia Guzman. Ms Guzman introduced the other PTA officers (Mrs.Holmes –Secretary and Mrs. Pope – Treasurer). Then the new principal was introduced; Mr. Douglas Tyson.

Approximately 56 parents were in attendance, with the majority being parents of new 7<sup>th</sup> graders.

Mr.Tyson explained his philosophy regarding management of the school and stressed the importance of treating everyone with respect and stressing the notion that everyone on the school premises should be “good citizens”. The administration is looking for service learning activities so anyone with suggestions should provide them to the office. A number of parents had questions that were answered in the group forum.

The guidance/counseling department introduced the member of their team and presented a brief synopsis of the services they provide. A short program was given on the topic of “bullying” and what to look for. The counseling department will be launching a brief survey on BlackBoard that will be linked as well to the PTA website. The department was recruiting one 7<sup>th</sup> and one 8<sup>th</sup> grade parent to sit on an Advisory Board that meets quarterly.

Introductions continued with the student resource officer Michael Allen, the Dean of Students Mr. Knighten, and the faculty representative, Mr. McElveen who thanked the PTA for all we do and asked for volunteers to help at the Library. Questions were asked of each.

Mr. Kurt Mills discussed the various after school programs offered at Kilmer Middle School. A lengthy discussion was held regarding how students notify their parents they are staying after school, late buses as well as various other concerns parents had. Mr. Mills and Mr. Tyson answered the questions posed.

Chris Gardner spoke about the new PTA website and Diane Gurdak made a pledge to increase membership. Karen Fowkes gave an update about the new Directory.

The budget, PTA plans for the upcoming year and new business was discussed. The new budget for 09-10 will be presented at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 11:40 AM