

Parent Involvement Committee
Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 17, 2009

Frank Campbell from the Community Relations Manager with Barnes and Noble presented information about their in-store Book Fairs. The only date left this year is May 22-24. Everything in the store qualifies for the 10% cash back or 15% back in books to the school this includes coffee, DVDs, CDs and books. He suggested finding a restaurant in La Frontera to have a two for one restaurant deal to bring people out to support the Book Fair or having something else like a chess tournament in their café. Ms. Ehler will see if the Key Club or student Council wants to take charge of getting students interested in the event.

Ms. Hindman gave the school update.

They are starting to recruiting 8th graders for New Tech. There will be an Open House for interested Parents and students on March 10th from 6-8:00 pm. Current New Tech Parents are encouraged to attend.

Robotics had a 20 students attend a robotic scrimmage last weekend. Next year they hope to get more students involved. They will be needing to fundraise, because the program is expensive.

Quite a few of the students involved in the Business Professionals Association will be advancing to State after the last competition.

New Tech had three grand prize winners at the Young Minds Digital Times Film Competition.

Several students went to the Texas Computer Educators Association and worked on a TV production a few weeks ago.

New Tech has been designated an Apple Distinguished Campus. This will help give our teachers Apple teacher training which will benefit the students.

Juniors will be learning about college and financial aid planning soon.

Our school service project to help provide clothing for the Presentation Clothing Closet which allows students to use clothing if they don't have it (or forgot it). Currently they are in need of men's ties, medium and large dress pants and women's dress clothes sizes 14-18. To donate or check on specific needs, contact ChrystaCarlin@manornewtech.org)

The volunteer opportunities that are available everyday are lunch cafeteria duty and after school bus duty. Other upcoming opportunities include:

Saturday, March 7 – Attend Explore UT with some Juniors and Middle School Students.

Business Professionals of America State Finals – March 5 – 7th – Need parent Supporters

Judging class presentations – dates vary. Talk to individual teachers.

To volunteer for any of the above events, please contact Damaris Womack at damaris.womack@manornewtech.org or 278-4875)

Prom is May 8th if enough money is raised. Contact Ms. Wyatt at (TinaWyatt@manornewtech.org) if you would like to volunteer.

Next Parent Involvement Committee Meeting will be Tuesday, April 21st.