**Thurston Parent Network Board Meeting – November 16, 2007**

**Present**: Cindy Neville, Lisa Walker, Pat Palocz, Mary Comer, Principal Palladino and Assistant Principal Borchers

**Principal's Update:**

**Lockers** – Seventh grade modular lockers are installed. The goal is to have a new locker for all 6th and 7th grade students and for at least 4 or 5 eighth grade homerooms by September 2008. Many of the 8th grade lockers are still usable. The funds raised by the Fun Run will continue to fund the on going locker project.

**Mark Brown –** will speak to the students on Tuesday, December 4 at 9:30 a.m. on bullying. This program is made possible due to our participation in the Magazine Drive.

Recognition Programs are planned for all grades by the team leaders over the next 2 weeks to celebrate the accomplishments of the first term and to set expectations for the second term.

**Assistant Principal's Update:**

**Be a Parent, Not a Pal –** Westwood Cares and Westwood Youth and Family Services presents a multimedia program designed by Richard P. Campbell and the law firm of Campbell, Campbell Edwards & Conroy to educate the community about the Social Host Laws of Massachusetts. Panel discussion will include Officer Brad Pindell, WHS Principal Emily Parks, Thurston Assistant Principal Allison Borchers and Westwood Youth and Family Services Director Bill DeFranc. **Event will be Monday, December 3 at 7:00 in WHS Auditorium.**

**Co-Presidents Report:**

**October meeting minutes were approved.** All TPN Board Meeting minutes will be available on the web site at www.westwood.k12.ma.us.

**Teacher Appreciation:** Thank you to Dot O'Connor and all the parents who help make a delicious dinner for the Thurston Staff. Michele Cooke is organizing the December breakfast.

**Library Book Fair:** The book fair raised $2500.00. This money was used to purchase new books for the library. Many thanks to Mrs. Bolger and the parents for their support.

**8th Grade Dance**: Leslie Warner Maloney has been meeting with Mr. Palladino to discuss plans. First planning meeting with parent volunteers will be held in early December.

**Metco Program:** Ms. Borchers will speak to Sheryl Goodloe, Metco Coordinator about an evening event for Metco families and their Westwood host families. Date to be determined.

**Fun Run and Festival:** Plans have begun for the next Fun run and festival. First planning meeting will be held on December 4th.

**Treasurer's Report:** This year's budget was approved.

**Next Meeting: December 17, 2007, 9:15 a.m. in the Conference Room**

Respectfully submitted by: Mary Comer, November 26, 2007