

Hickory Grove PTO Minutes

February 18, 2014

IN ATTENDANCE: J. VandeWiele, S. Johnson, J. Harre, A. Baca, K. Gray, L. Metzger, L. Eisman, J. Cekander, K. Johnson, M. Gardner, A. Gleason, L. Malalahalli, L. Preston, M. Radeline, M. Martin, C. Myint, J. Etnyre

CALL TO ORDER: Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm
Norms were read.
No amendments to agenda

Motion: Lara Metzger votes to approve agenda. Jayme Cekander seconds. Motion approved.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT: J. Etnyre

Calendar:

Drama is now a combo class from 2:15-3:45 Wednesday.

Band rehearsal is on Thursday, 2/20. Pick up at 4:00 pm.

Orchestra rehearsal on Monday, 2/24, pick up at 4:00 pm.

ISAT: final year for ISAT. (Changing to PARC assessment next year)

3/3-3/15- 45 minute tests

3rd grade- 3 reading/3 math

4th grade-3 reading, 3 math, 2 science

5th grade-3 reading, 3 math (will start Tuesday)

K-2 Spring Conferences- student led conferences 3/17-21 sign up on website

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: J. VandeWiele

By Laws: Jennifer explained the changes and that they should better represent what we are currently doing.

Some changes:

1. August PTO meeting
2. President Elect
3. VP Fundraising will be separate from Launch chair
4. VP Membership and Publicity
5. Fall Fundraiser
6. Launch Chair

Motion: Kendra Gray motions to approve the changes to the bylaws. Lara Metzger seconds. Motion approved.

Nominating Committee:

Jennifer asked everyone to fill out their preferences for position for next year and asked for volunteers to sit on the Nominating committee. Kendra Gray and Ashley Gleason volunteered to sit on the committee. Nikki York and Cassie Jemilo also volunteered.

Motion: Janelle Harre motions to approve the nominating committee.
Lisa Eisman seconds. Motion approved.

LAUNCH: Jennifer thanks everyone on the LAUNCH committee for all their hard work!
LAUNCH will be this coming Saturday, 2/22. Jennifer explains all the details.

Fundraising for the LAUNCH: (Playground equipment/IPads)

Jennifer explained that Playground equipment has been previously suggested as a fundraising goal of the PTO. The PTO voted to explore playground equipment expansion options in November, but did not vote definitively to purchase anything for the playground. A request for Ipads came up at the January PTO meeting and the staff then had a meeting with LearnPads to learn about what they could offer. Information is still being gathered to decide what the best options are. We are now waiting to see how much money is made at LAUNCH and how much money the PTO wants to spend. All submitted requests will be considered at the March meeting.

V.P. FUNDRAISING'S REPORT: Ann Baca

Thanks to Janelle and Lara for help with donations for LAUNCH. The value of items donated exceeds \$8000.

An idea to consider for the future might be PTO dues, would come from approximately 450 families (650 students).

VICE PRESIDENT OF MEMBERSHIP'S REPORT: Mandy Radeline

The newsletter format has been revised. They will come out more frequently and will be shorter. Please send her any info you want included by the 25th of the month. The first issue of the newsletter will go out early in the month.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: N. Pollard (written report, not present)

Motion: Lorrie Preston motions to approve the January minutes. Lakshmi Malalahalli seconds. Motion approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: T. Hands (written report, not present)

Cash on hand is \$21,397.82

Motion: Lara Metzger motions to approve the Treasurer's Report. Christine Myint seconds. Motion approved.

ROOM PARENT: Lisa Eisman

Thanks to all the parents for helping with the classroom parties.

There are 3 parties per year. The holiday party is the hardest one to fill. Mr. Etnyre will consider teachers doing their own thing on Thursday before break instead of a class party.

SOCIAL/HOSPITALITY: Lorrie Preston

Looking at having an event in March.

RESTAURANT NIGHTS: Jennifer Dettman

The Restaurant Night at Double A's made about \$100.

YEARBOOK: Christine Myint

The size of the yearbook will increase by 4 pages. This will still keep the cost under \$15.

ACCELERATED READER: Sarah Anderson

Monthly contests are going well! The next AR store will be 5/15 and 5/16

BOX TOPS: Sarah Anderson

Ice cream treat for the class that collects the most box tops.

SCRIP: Kathy Johnson

New SCRIP order begins next week (3/10).

CULTURE FAIR: Lakshmi Malalahalli

First parent meeting was held. Many families are returning this year. 12-14 countries will be represented. Should there be a USA booth? A volunteer would be needed for the USA booth.

Display cases would be used to promote the event.

Collecting ideas for toys, games, food

Asking for donations.

Volunteers are needed.

PROJECT IMPACT: Janelle Harre

Over \$2300 was collected for Easter Seals

4/15 will be the St. Jude fundraising kickoff, 4/25 will be the St. Jude event.

SPIRIT WEAR: Jayme Cekander

Spring order will begin in March!

5th grade shirts are started.

STAFF APPRECIATION: Ashley Gleason

Some of budget will be used to cater the next event because there have been so many requests for help lately.

MARKET DAY: Amy Hoehne

Thursday will be Market Day pick up. January was a better month for orders.

BOOK FAIR: Kendra Gray and Kathy Johnson

The last of the money remaining from the book fair will be Carol Smith's to spend. A total of \$1300-\$1400 will be spent on books for the library.

FALL FUNDRAISER: Lara Metzger

Need to pick a date soon!

Discussion: pros and cons of fall fundraiser.

LIBRARY: Toni Beckman

no report

COPY COORDINATOR: Marcie Gardner

Monday/Tuesday still need more volunteers

Please feel free to stop by unscheduled if you'd like to help with copies.

Next newsletter will ask for more copy volunteers.

OLD BUSINESS: See above for iPad/Playground discussion.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: Angie Connor, computer teacher at HGES and Banner
She is working on technology integration into the classrooms and is interested in the technology PTO fundraising options which could bring more technology into the classrooms.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm