

Hollywood School PTA Meeting Minutes
Thursday December 8, 2011

- I. Call to Order: the meeting was called to order at 9:06 am in the Hollywood School library. The PTA board members in attendance were Jennifer Perry (President), Nancy Bitzer (1st Vice President), Susan Gersch (2nd Vice President), Kristen Didio (Treasurer), and Amy Lodolce (Recording Secretary). Suzy Higgins (Corresponding Secretary) was absent.
- II. Welcome: Jennifer Perry welcomed everyone to the meeting
- III. Review of the Minutes: the minutes from the PTA meetings on October 13, 2011 and November 10, 2011 were approved.
- IV. Treasurer's Report: Kristin Didio reviewed the profit and loss statement, details for the profit and loss, and reconciliation from September 24, 2011 to October 31, 2011 and November 1, 2011 to November 30, 2011. There were no major expenses over this time period. The Art to Remember fundraiser brought in about \$500. The PTA received a \$1500 grant from Riverside Township for our upcoming poetry residency in March. The Market Day pies and cookie dough fundraiser raised \$131.64. Holiday Gift Shop came out about \$262 ahead this year. The treasurer's reports were approved.
- V. Corresponding Secretary's Report – October and November combined
 - a. Birthdays:
 - i. Mrs. Tasman (kindergarten)
 - ii. Mrs. Mathis (art teacher)
 - iii. Mr. Ricky Vega (custodian)
 - iv. Mrs. Runyon (LADSE school psychologist)
 - v. Mrs. Zeleny (paraprofessional)
 - vi. Ms. Neal (paraprofessional)
 - b. Thank you notes:
 - i. Mrs Johnson, the resource teacher for the welcome gift
 - ii. Ms. Levin for the book fair, along with a note for Mrs. Carlson
 - iii. Mrs. Rerucha for the get well wishes and dinners during her recovery
 - iv. Mike Vondruska – the Halloween performer
 - c. Congratulations card send to:
 - i. Mrs. Tasman on her marriage
 - ii. The Wagner family on the birth of their daughter
- VI. President's Report: Will skip in order to move to Dr. Lamberson.
- VII. District News: Capital improvement project. Central school was built in 1893 and was the original school building in district 96. The district has never had a comprehensive infrastructure capital improvement project in its history. This is a first. The capital improvements are detailed on the district 96 website under the school board section of the site (<http://www.district96.org/school-board/capital-projects/>). Costs and plans are available as PDF files. There have been some plumbing and infrastructure issues. Dr. Lamberson showed some examples of wires and a shut-off valve. There are lighting issues. Hollywood school has a lack of outlets. Central still has paper wrapped wiring. There are bathrooms that have been closed down instead of repaired over the years due to erosion in piping. There is asbestos in the flooring, and abatement will be occurring. Air conditioning will be put in for all schools. Ames and Central/Hauser are scheduled for this summer. Summer of 2013 will be Blythe Park and Hollywood. All bathrooms will be updated. Wiring and lighting will also be

done; electrical capacity will be doubled or tripled. They will be phasing in ceiling-mounted projectors for each classroom. Security will be increased in that the offices may be moved so they are the focal point of the entrance to the school. This is still being worked out, and some schools will have video monitoring put in if the office cannot be moved. One challenge will be to move everything in time to start construction immediately in the summer. The schools need to be ready to go on the last day of school. Hollywood and Blythe Park will store some property from the other schools. Hollywood will likely take the technology, and Blythe Park will house the offices. Due to the construction, start of school will be delayed in Fall 2012. School will start after Labor Day. Due to this, the board of education has been discussing various calendar options. There are currently 3 drafts, but there will be 4 at the next board meeting. Winter break will likely be shortened in order to accommodate the late start for the school year. The goal is to have a decision in February in terms of the final calendar. The district has to go with the lowest responsible bidder for construction, so the choice of contractor may affect the final calendar.

A question was raised about why Ames is being tackled at the same time as Central/Hauser. This was considered, but the construction environment is favorable to do work at this time. Costs are down. The other factor is the potential for school consolidation that is being pushed by the governor. He mentioned going from the current 864 districts to 300 – major consolidation. If we are consolidated, the money goes to the new district. This money has been saved for improvements in order to avoid a referendum. Another question was raised, about the Hollywood and Blythe schedule in terms of school year schedule. The goal is still not to go past the first week in June for summer 2013. The board is discussing making Blythe a fully functional 2 section school. Enrollment is up district wide. Hauser is most affected, and enrollment may increase by 20%. District-wide enrollment could go up by 6%. Hollywood will continue to have 1 section; the goal is to have 9 sections of each grade district-wide. A third question was asked about whether or not Hollywood could get a multipurpose room. There are no plans for this. Miss Keller suggested evaluating the draft floor plans in order to review some potential re-configurations in order to better use space. A fourth question was raised about summer school. Traditional summer school will not be possible this year; however, special education students who receive ESY (Extended School Year) will have the opportunity to attend summer school through a partnership with Komarek in North Riverside. Riverside-Brookfield high school was considered, but it not logistically feasible. A fifth question was to use the district office space at Mater Christi. The district uses 4 classrooms right now. Another question was asked about what exactly is going to happen at Hauser. Will desks be removed? Plans will be finalized in the spring. All furniture does need to be gone on Friday to allow work to begin on Saturday. There are plans to consider scheduling field trips that last week if they were previously planned for May. In preparation for the move, the district will be reducing and recycling this spring. Another question was raised about the Landmark quoting Dr. Lamberson regarding 80% of classes being within the district target. The paper misquoted him by stating 80% of core courses. All core courses will be within district targets. Courses that will exceed the 24- to 26-class size would be gym, band, etc. Another question was raised about staffing if an extra section is needed. Dr. Lamberson responded that they have in the past hired a teacher for 1 year if needed. If there are further questions, Dr. Lamberson suggested that parents call (708-447-5007) or e-mail (lambersonj@district96.org) him.

VIII. School News

- a. Kindergarten: gingerbread man activity, will by Skyping with Georgia to share ideas about what they are doing

- b. First grade: growing bulbs for their families while measuring and graphing the progress
- c. Second grade: reindeer made with feet and hand tracings, then they wrote a story about their reindeer, and made predictions about a story
- d. Third grade: story elements and importance in the text, made a stocking and then each ornament is an element of the story, researching celebrations, Skyping with Central pen pals after break
- e. Fourth grade: researching the Northeast and putting themselves in pictures using technology, problem solving in math
- f. Fifth grade: researching European countries, fractions, and a novel study
- g. Social Emotional Learning Curriculum: Ms. Levin discussed the curriculum and the committee involved. The committee visited LaGrange to get ideas. In district 96, one grade is piloting the curriculum at each school. Mr. Bookler is piloting at Hollywood in 4th grade. Mrs. Dost is part of the committee too, and she is emphasizing the concepts in physical education. Mr. Bookler feels it is going very well. He has noticed students using the terminology and listening more actively.
- h. Miss Keller shared some school projects that are ongoing:
 - i. Food drive to donate to the Hauser drive; the food display is Thursday December 15th from 6:30 to 9 pm, or Friday December 16th from 7 to 11 am.
 - ii. Toys for Tots drive: new unwrapped toys, books, and games ongoing until December 16th.
 - iii. Unicef: \$353 raised, which is double from last year
 - iv. Angel fund: to support families within in the Hollywood community
 - v. School resumes on January 3, 2012 after the winter break
 - vi. Question about Mrs. Mathis project regarding clay and brining in an artist – she is working on something.

IX. Committee Reports

- a. Holiday Gift Shop: \$262 ahead, a great time had by all. The board will be discussing the future of gift shop over the holidays.
- b. Pampered Chef Fundraiser: tomorrow night 6:30 until 8:30 or 9 pm at the Hollywood Community House. Online ordering is available too – please select Hollywood PTA as the host. There will be a magic pot that cooks chicken quickly in the microwave.
- c. Pancake breakfast with Santa at Riverside-Brookfield High School from 9 am to noon Saturday to raise funds for the athletic department
- d. Theater residency for 2012/2013: This was done 5 years ago on a large scale.

The charge is \$100 per hour. A 2-week residency is \$6000. Jennifer Leimberer will be attempting to obtain grants. Previous Hollywood nights have funded things like this. Hollywood nights fundraisers have raised \$3500 to \$7000. A question was raised about how this integrates with the school day. The residencies are done during school hours and are built into the curriculum. Miss Keller would like to have a large residency to happen at least once during each student's time at Hollywood. The school leadership team has agreed to this residency as well for 2012/2013 or 2013/2014. Child's play has been contacted, and they are willing to work within our budget. Some discussion was raised that it may make sense to plan this for the 2013-2014 school year. Interest was expressed in fundraisers that included families. The fundraiser usually includes a raffle and a silent auction.

- e. Spring fundraiser: Kristen presented a fundraiser that involves a parents' night out at flying high gym. Drop your kids off for pizza and playing from 7 until 10 pm; \$15 per kid and flying high will give us \$7 per kid. Maybe do 2 nights. Saturday night hours are 7:30 to 10:30 pm.
- f. Announcements: the following are upcoming events at Hollywood School
 - i. 12/12 & 1/9 Fun Lunch
 - ii. 12/13 Board of Education Meeting at Hauser 7:30 pm
 - iii. 12/15 Kindergarten through 3rd grade Holiday Program
 - iv. 12/17-1/2 No School Winter Break
 - v. 1/6 Market Day orders are due
 - vi. 1/11 Market Day pick-up
 - vii. 1/12 PTA Meeting at 9 am

X. The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 am.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy E. Lodolce
Recording Secretary