

PTA Meeting Minutes for Thursday, May 8, 2008

Introduction: The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm. in the Hollywood School Library. PTA board members in attendance were Laura Tracy, Lisa Buffo, Kierith Kurth and Denise Notz. Kathy Barcal was ill and Jennifer Perry was out of town.

Recording Secretary Report: The minutes for the April 10th meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved. Laura Tracy reported that Mary Volpe would be sending the Marine donations collected at the Sock Hop in the next week and shipping costs would be deducted from the Sock Hop budget(?).

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Kierith Kurth reported the PTA received a thank you card from Ms. DeVlyder for the birthday card and flowers. She also sent birthday cards to Mary Potts and Linda Schirmer and a sympathy card to the Volpe family for passing of Mary Volpe's mother.

PRIDE Presentations:

Hauser students Jackie Cervenka, Andrea Guelfi and Jack McCarthy reported on their PRIDE trip to Ohio. Jackie spoke first, reporting about the five-hour bus trip there on Wednesday, how the students amused themselves on the bus and at stopovers, and also talked about her favorite speakers at the event. Andrea followed with a report about Thursday's and Friday's activities, including general sessions, keynote speakers and workshops. She stressed that building self-confidence and having self-respect were main themes of the weekend, not just a "don't do drugs" message. Andrea also talked about their side trips, including a visit to the aquarium, a boat ride on the Ohio River and the final "music fest" celebration. All these events helped Hauser students and other attendees get to know each other better and "bond together." Lastly, Jack spoke about the last events on Saturday and mentioned his favorite speakers, as well. All three students agreed the PRIDE trip was "life changing" and would recommend it to younger students.

Hollywood Citizens Association:

Kierith Kurth reported that Sue Fulton, a HCA member had called her with a request to announce the HCA Neighborhood Picnic, planned for June 22 from 11 am – 5 pm at the Hollywood Community House. There will be entertainment, food and drinks and more. Kierith mentioned she had talked to Sue Fulton about possibly distributing a flyer about the picnic through students' backpacks when it was available – Vicki DeVlyder agreed this would be ok. Also, the HCA announced the rental fee for the Community House is increasing by \$10 per hour for HCA non-members. Kierith also reported that Sue Fulton is a "liason" between the HCA and the school and that the HCA is interested in keeping more up-to-date on school activities and learning about additional possible ways the group can benefit the school.

School & District News:

Vicki DeVlyder thanked the PTA for the massages for teacher appreciation week.

Vicki reported that MAP scores will come home in end-of-year report cards. A majority of the students made progress and Vicki is pleased to see improvement, regardless of the actual number of points gained. She mentioned that she supports sharing test scores with students – not to put undue pressure on them, but to give the kids goals to reach. She said parents should bring any questions regarding the scores to fall teacher conferences. She also talked about the fact that Hauser looks at MAP scores for incoming 6th graders to determine Quest placement, and also to determine those students eligible for InView testing.

Vicki reported she has not heard anything further about the traffic safety issue from the Village of Brookfield. Questions were raised from the audience about the covered sign on the corner of Hollywood and Rockefeller, but no one at the meeting had heard about any further plans to remove the cover since earlier discussions with the Brookfield Village Manager. It again was suggested and agreed that a map of the school area, describing pick-up and drop-off procedures, should be distributed to all families at the start of the school year.

Vicki reported that 5th grade parent Jason Watters, a Brookfield Zoo employee, had requested Hollywood 5th graders be able to help zoo staff release the butterflies from the butterfly exhibit. The class will go to the Zoo May 22 for this purpose.

An announcement will be made in the June school newsletter about the hiring of Valerie Brackett (a current 5th grade teacher at Central) to take the place of Alison LaFalce, the current Hollywood 3rd grade teacher who will be leaving at the end of the school year.

Installation of Officers:

Laura Tracy, current PTA President, presented flowers to each current board members, as well as tokens of appreciation to incoming members and to Vicki DeVyllder. She talked about the value of the PTA as a joint effort among parents, faculty and community to promote the well-being of students at Hollywood school and all children.

Committee Reports

Rain Garden:

Shawn Sinn met with classes on April 22 to check progress and continue planning. Vicki DeVyllder mentioned that Scott McAdam from McAdam Landscaping (the vendor responsible for district landscape plans) asked if some of the rain garden water could be diverted to the overhang area outside the kindergarten window for future planting. Kierith Kurth will check with Shawn Sinn about this possibility. Kierith and Vicki will meet within the next couple of days to finalize dates for preparation and installation of the garden.

Candlelight Bowl:

Laura Tracy reported this event brought in \$3300.

Field Day:

Maureen Stanko was not in attendance at the meeting, but Laura Tracy reported plans are well underway. T-shirt orders went home to families last week. It has been decided there will be no “outside” visitors (like the Army members last year). Hollywood has approval from RB to have access to the track and field for the entire day, which is where the student/faculty kickball game may be played at the end of the event.

Staff Appreciation Week/Luncheon:

Laura Tracy reported on events that had taken place during the week (chair massages, balloons, car wash gift certificates) and reminded guests that the Teacher Appreciation Lunch was taking place tomorrow. PE classes will be held outside. Virginia Nortier will provide babysitting.

Committee Lists:

Kierith Kurth reported that the PTA still needs and is accepting volunteers for numerous committees, and is keeping track of volunteers so far. Most volunteer information has been emailed – only 2 forms have been returned from the distribution.

Language Stars:

Laura Tracy announced that, according to Jennifer Perry, the Spanish program will be provided through Language Stars beginning in the fall. Information about Language Stars will be distributed to all District 96 grade schools in the fall, and the program is due to begin in October.

Other News:

Denise Notz spoke about the Target Rewards program and reminded guests that Target offers both a credit and a debit card, and that 1% of your purchases can go directly to Hollywood School. We are still expecting a check, and Laura Tracy and Denise have been looking into it. Denise mentioned creating an “easy ways to give” flyer, explaining simple ways to donate money to the Hollywood PTA, for distribution to school families in the fall.

Juli Spirios spoke about the Relay for Life and requested a day after school to have a bake sale fundraiser on school grounds. She hoped to have the fundraiser on a Market Day pickup day to help it be even more successful. Those in attendance agreed to this request. Juli also reminded us that the Tuesday after Memorial Day is the Hot Dog Lunch fundraiser.

The necessity of changing the Hot Lunch Days for next school year was discussed. PE for the 2008-2009 school year will be on Mondays (the current Hot Lunch day). Vicki DeVyllder suggested Fridays as a possibility. It was also suggested adding more days to have Hot Lunch every week – if that happens the PTA would look for additional volunteers to help Joyce Clarkson, the current Hot Lunch chairperson.

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Announcement & Reminders

Hot Lunch – 5/19
Board Of Ed Meeting Hauser LRC – 5/20 7:30
Ecology Club – 5/20 3-4 p.m.
Field Day & Awards 6/3
Last Day of School / 5th Grade Clap Out 6/5

The meeting was adjourned at 8:32 p.m.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kierith Kurth, Corresponding Secretary, in the absence of Jennifer Perry, Recording Secretary.