

## PTA Meeting Minutes for Thursday, November 6, 2008

**Introduction:** The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. at the Hollywood School Library. PTA board members in attendance were Laura Tracy, Denise Notz, Sue Gersch and Jennifer Perry. Kierith Kurth was ill. Maureen Rurka was out of town.

**Recording Secretary Report:** The minutes for the October 2nd meeting were accepted and approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

**Corresponding Secretary's Report:** A birthday card was sent to Mrs. Mathis. Thank you notes were received from Mr. Howes and Mrs. Loulousis for PTA teacher room gifts. Also received was a note from Joe Zboinski, thanking the PTA for the party, the brick for the walkway, and gift card.

**School News/District News:** Report cards will go home on Friday, November 21st so parents will have them prior to parent/teacher conferences. The 21st is an early dismissal day and there will be no school for am kindergarten. Parent/teacher conferences will be held on Monday, November 24th from 12:30 - 8:30 pm. Each conference will last approximately 20 minutes. Students in grades 3, 4, & 5 have been invited to participate in a portion of their conferences. MAP scores will be included with report cards, as will a note confirming conference time and an "opt out" form for parents who do not want their 3, 4 or 5th grader to attend the conference.

Tuesday, November 25th is a teacher institute day. Teachers will be working in collaborative teams on things like the social studies curriculum, language arts curriculum, and tech development.

After completing 15 hours of tech development, teachers will be given an iPod Touch to use. The iPod Touch will remain the property of District 96.

A new District 96 website will be launched in January.

The Show You Care food drive will benefit the Riverside Township Food Pantry, which has been depleted. Donations for the Humane Society will also be collected.

Ms. DeVylder presented 2008 ISAT scores for Hollywood School. Of particular concern were the writing scores, which were lower than expected. Hollywood does not currently have a writing curriculum. The lack of a writing curriculum will be addressed in the future. An ISAT score report will be made at the January 2009 PTA meeting.

**Parent Leadership Team (old Brown Bag) Review:** At the most recent PLT meeting, Board of Education decisions from the previous were reviewed.

The district is looking for input from parents and staff about the district website. Please e-mail Dr. Lamberson with your comments.

Details of the 5 for 4 pilot program, where 5th graders will be given a MacBook to keep until 8th grade, are still being worked out, as is funding for the program.

Hauser uses a program called Power School, where parents can access student grades and see missing assignments. The information is updated weekly. The district is exploring the possibility of bring this program to the elementary level.

New school reach emergency closure contact forms will be going home. Parents will be asked to complete and return at parent/teacher conferences.

The district will be reviewing the bullying and discipline policies within the next few months.

In case of a crisis at Hollywood School, students would be moved to Hauser by bus if available or by walking.

### ***Committee Reports:***

***Ecology Club:*** For the first meeting, a forester from the Village of Brookfield came to talk to students in grades 3, 4, & 5. Because of problems with behavior at meetings, a new discipline policy is now in effect. For the first offense, a warning will be sent home. After a 2nd warning, students will be invited back only with a parent. Volunteers are always welcome and appreciated.

***Fun Lunch:*** Joyce Clarkson asked for a budget to be set to purchase prizes from the Dollar Store to bring more fun to fun lunch. \$75 was approved.

***Holiday Gift Shoppe:*** Holiday Gift Shoppe will be on Friday, December 5th. Volunteers will be needed on the 5th and on Thursday, December 4th to help set up. Volunteer forms and student shopping lists will be going home shortly. Jennifer Perry also bought American made lollipops because of the problems with imported candy.

***Gift Wrap/Entertainment Wrap Up:*** The gift wrap sale raised \$1,700.00. The Entertainment Book raise about \$200.00. Jake Buchowski was the lucky winner of the \$100 Visa gift card.

***5<sup>th</sup> Grade Games Night:*** 5th Grade Games Night will be on November 14th. Permission slips will be going home soon.

Mel Tracy will be offering a basketball class to 4th and 5th graders. The class will be open to the first 20 4th and 5th grade students to sign up.

The PTA will provide dinner for Hollywood staff on Monday, November 24th (parent/teacher conferences). The PTA is looking for helpers to set up/clean up and for donations. Please contact Laura Tracy if interested.

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### Announcements

11/13 - Wee Deliver

11/6, 11/13 & 11/20 - Fun Lunch

11/11 - Veteran's Day Program 10 am

11/18- Ecology Club 3:10-4

11/18 - Board of Education Meeting Blythe Park School 7:30 pm

11/21 - Early Release 11:30

11/24-11/28 - Thanksgiving Break

11/24 - Report Cards and Parent Teacher Conferences

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jennifer Perry, Recording Secretary