

PTA Meeting Minutes for Thursday, March 6, 2008

Introduction: The meeting was called to order at 9:02

5th Grade Band & Orchestra Performance

Student presentations

A sampling of what students have been working on from art, science, Young Authors Books, podcasts, and writing with presentations by students from every grade.

Recording Secretary Report: The minutes for the February 7th meeting were accepted and approved.

Treasurer's Report:

The Treasurer's report was accepted and approved.

Corresponding Secretary's Report:

Kierith Kurth reported on February activity. She sent flowers and a birthday card to Diana Pescador and birthday cards to Janice Johnson and Rita Socco. Kierith also reported that a donation was received from the Kayse family for the Bette Kayse fund, bringing the total to \$5,000. In addition, a \$100 donation received from the Hollywood Citizen's Association for the rain garden.

School News:

Ms. DeVlyder said her school news was covered by the student presentations.

District News:

Dr. Lamberson said enrollment for the 2008/2009 school is projected to up by 3%. Kindergarten registration will be held tonight at all neighborhood schools. Two years ago, kindergarten enrollment was 156. This year, kindergarten enrollment is 134. The projected kindergarten enrollment for next year is 117. Classes across the district average 160 students per grade level, the highest in 32 years. It isn't known how long the peak will last. It is expected that 100-105 kindergardeners will be registered tonight.

The increased enrollment has especially affected Hauser. The outgoing 8th grade class is smaller than the incoming 6th grade class. Without any new students, enrollment at Hauser will be up 6-7%. Accounting for possible new students, Hauser's enrollment for next year is projected to increase 8-9%. To ease some of the pressure, Dr. Lamberson said that a classroom from Central will probably be used for Hauser. The district offices are also looking into relocating to free up space for classrooms.

This summer, Hollywood will get a new roof and some new lighting.

There were no questions for Dr. Lamberson from those attending.

Lisa Buffo mentioned that she found a high school student smoking by the Hollywood gym this morning when she came in to start the coffee maker for the meeting. Lisa forced the student to leave. Ms. DeVyllder said she'd ask Mr. Ken to keep an eye out for high school student skulking around Hollywood grounds.

Nominating Committee:

Kierith Kurth reported that the slate for the 2008/2009 PTA board is as follows: Laura Tracy, President, Kierith Kurth and Maureen Rurka, co-Vice Presidents, Sue Gersch, Corresponding Secretary, Jennifer Perry, Recording secretary, and Denise Notz, Treasurer.

Hollywood Traffic:

Jennifer Perry reported that she has been in contact with Brookfield village trustee CP Hall, who helped her obtain the two hour parking designation north of the gym. The Village of Brookfield is aware there is a traffic problem around Hollywood School that has been exacerbated by the new cul-de-sac. The issue has in fact been discussed at a recent village board meeting. Dr. Lamberson is the district's contact person for traffic safety and agreed to attend any meetings with the village to resolve the situation. Ms. DeVyllder also said she would be willing to attend meetings with the village as well. Jennifer will keep everyone informed of any new developments.

School Milk Survey:

Jennifer Perry read a statement submitted by Heather DiForti detailing her attempts to get skim milk served at Hollywood. Heather has prepared a survey using survey monkey to poll parents' preferences regarding milk. Ms. DeVyllder said that seven students get white milk (2% is what is currently available). Because of the low demand for white milk, two varieties cannot be served because 50 cartons is the minimum order. The general consensus seemed to be that the students wouldn't notice the change to skim milk, but the survey is necessary to find out how people feel.

Committee Reports:

Cookie Dough:

Denise Notz reiterated that cookie dough orders are due by Friday, March 7th.

Rain Garden:

Kierith Kurth reported on progress with plans for the rain garden. Later this month, students will begin researching and designing the rain garden with installation planned for late spring. The location will be the west corner of Mrs. Schirmer's room out to the brick paver walkway.

Sean Sinn, who is a professional landscape architect, has volunteered his time and expertise. Linda Schirmer is the faculty representative. A meeting with Sean and the

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entire faculty is being planned for next week. Cross-grade groups are being planned based on what each grade's science curriculum. The classroom work begins in March, continues into April, excavation in April and installation in May. The artist in residence is being planned for the next school year.

Parent volunteers are needed throughout every phase of the project. Two parent volunteers per grade are needed to focus on the classroom portion of the project and to act as liaison between Sean and the classroom. Please expect ongoing updates.

5th Grade Games Night:

5th Grade Games Night for all 5th graders across the district will be held at Hauser on Friday, April 3rd. 5th grade parent volunteers are needed.

Candlelight Bowl:

The Candlelight Bowl is scheduled for Saturday, April 26th at Forest Lanes in Lyons. The cost should be about \$30 per person. The hours of the event are 7:30pm until 1:30am, with bowling beginning at 9:30pm. A buffet will be served and a cash bar will be available. Jennifer Perry said that 75 letters requesting donations for the silent auction and raffle were mailed out this week. There are no plans to request donations from classes. Ms. DeVlyder said that there has been talk of a faculty team.

Family Science:

Family Science is this Saturday at 10am until 1pm. The gym will be transformed into a laboratory while students explore light and optics. There will be some exciting experiments, including a coin disappearing into water, a mirror maker and light transformed into electricity through solar energy. Also that day is the Hollywood Community Association pancake breakfast.

Field Day:

Maureen Stanko spoke about possible date changes for Field Day and the possibility of combining Field Day with the Awards Assembly. It was decided that the faculty will decide the date and what will work best tomorrow at the faculty meeting. The Field Day has an olympic theme this year to tie in with the upcoming summer olympics. Many volunteers are needed. Please contact Maureen Stanko to volunteer.

Announcement & Reminders

Hot Lunch – 3/3 & 3/17

Kindergarten Registration – 3/6 7pm

Wee Deliver – 3/6

Family Science – 3/8 10-1pm

Hollywood Community House Pancake Breakfast – 3/8 7am-noon

5th Grade Games Night at Hollywood– 3/14

Hauser Pride Rummage Sale – 3/15 9am-1pm

Board Of Ed Meeting Hollywood – 3/18 7:30
Ecology Club – 3/18 3-4pm
Early Release – 3/20 11:30
Spring Break – 3/21-3/28

The meeting was adjourned at 10:30am.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Jennifer Perry, Recording Secretary