

Highland Middle School PTO Minutes January 9,2007

The meeting began at 9:15 with President, Lori Miller presiding. Those in attendance were: Lori Miller, Lisa Owens, Linda Goodwin, Ray Braunscheidel, Sandy Phillips, Sharon Centner, Dr. Deuber, Heather Murray, and Karen Scherler.

PTO Representative/Marcy Hughes

Marcy reported that due to levy issues, Power of the Pen is in need of \$210.00 for transportation costs.

Dr. Deuber recommended that \$750.00 become allotted out of PTO Funds to cover transportation for Student of the Month luncheons as well as Power of the Pen.

A motion was made by Karen Scherler to delegate \$750.00 to cover transportation costs for Student of the Month luncheons and Power of the Pen. Sharon Centner seconded the motion. Motion was approved.

Minutes from the December Meeting

Lori requested that the Sunshine Committee report (discussion was about sending cards for special occasions and flowers in the event of death in the family), be added to the December minutes

Treasurer's Report

None

New Business

Bionic Night

Lori reported that Bionic Night is in the planning stages and is scheduled for March 2nd,2007. She also reported that Anita Moncol is in charge of the event and sent out a e-mail for volunteers.

Principal's Report/Dr. Deuber

Dr. Deuber reported that there is a need for technical equipment for the school. 9 teachers attended a workshop focusing on using technology in the classroom. A discussion followed on how to use the PTO funds to purchase I Write Boards with projectors at \$2000.00 each, DVD/VCR players at \$75.00 each and speakers at \$50.00 each.

Lori proposed that the HMS staff give an assessment of what is needed technically in each classroom by the next PTO meeting for the PTO to make a decision.

Dr. Deuber passed out an Achievement Testing Schedule. The Sixth Grade will be tested two times a year, and the Seventh and Eighth Grades three times a year. Testing will be one week only on April 30th to May 5th. Testing will be two and a half hours per day. The testing schedule will be available by Spring Break to the parents and students. It was mentioned that the PTO purchased hard candy and water for each student in the past.

Athletic Boosters

Lori reported for Diane Thomas. The Athletic Boosters wanted to know if they could obtain an e-mail list of the students attending Highland Middle School. It was mentioned in the past that a permission slip was sent home for parents to approve or disapprove the use of their e-mail for other correspondence. Dr. Deuber mentioned that Wadsworth has a web site where you could click on if you want your e-mail used for a particular web site.

Committee Reports

Landscape

Linda Goodwin reported that the courtyard areas were measured and a design/plan was undergoing to allocate an educational/class area in the garden. There are also plans for putting trees in the back area and the money collected for John Bambeck will be used for the funding of the trees.

DARE/Deputy Sharon Centner

Sharon reported that she obtained a donation for the DARE t-shirts that are given to the Seventh Grade students and staff. She is working on obtaining a grant to purchase an I Write Board and a DVD/VCR for Room 100 at \$2100.00. Sharon had asked whether she should run the donation through the PTO account to purchase the items or the Middle School. It was suggested that this money be run through the PTO account.

A motion was made by Karen Scherler to adjourn the meeting and seconded by Linda Goodwin.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:50 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lisa Owens, HMS PTO Secretary