

Meeting Minutes

Hinckley Elementary PTO

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Wednesday, September 26, 2007 9:15 AM - 11:10AM
Hinckley Elementary Library

■ Welcome: Suzanne Peterlin	Suzanne welcomed everyone to the meeting. Introductions were made. Twenty-four people were in attendance.
■ Secretary's Report: Heather Comer	First meeting. Nothing to report.
■ Treasurer's Report : Anka Wiencek	See budget proposal below.
■ Principal's Report: Mrs. Rastok	<p>Mrs. Rastok updated everyone on all of the activities for the very busy month of October. Look for more information to come home on these as well as other events in October:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ 9/28 School Days Stomp■ 10/2 3rd Grade reading achievement■ 10/4 Rainforest Assembly- evening performances at Granger Elem.■ 10/7 Highland Pride Golf Outing■ 10/8 Iowa testing■ 10/10 Operation Life Saver■ 10/17 School Safety■ 10/23 K,1,2 Pictures■ 10/24 K,3,4,5 Pictures■ 10/25 Kindergarten Halloween Parties■ 10/26 All other Halloween parties■ 10/27 Highland Health Run and Health Affair
■ November School Levy: Dr. Bruce Armstrong	Dr. Armstrong, superintendent of Highland schools spoke to the group about the upcoming school levy. This levy will NOT raise taxes - it is a renewal levy. If this renewal levy does not pass, it will result in a \$3.5M loss of revenue (17% decrease) and will result in reduced services. Some items that could be cut are field trips, part-time positions, aides, busses, etc. Dr. Armstrong urged the attendees to pass the word on to our neighbors and friends (especially those that do not have children in school) in support of the levy. Dr. Armstrong also shared results of a survey which are available at www.highlandschools.org
■ Market Day: Suzanne Peterlin for Sue Bernhofer	If we have 80 Market Day customers in the month of October, our school will receive a \$400 Scholastic Book incentive. If you order for other people, be sure to fill out separate forms to increase the number of customers for October.
■ Candy-O Gram: Suzanne Peterlin for Sue Bernhofer	The PTO made approximately \$82. on Candy-O-Grams at the Open House in August. Candy-O-Grams were available in the cafeteria and included a note and treat sent to your child on the first day of school.
■ Rebates: Suzanne Peterlin/Angela Chesnick	The PTO received a \$472.50 check from Target rebate program. When sending in Campbell Soup labels, just send in the UPC code (and include the Campbell kid so we know it's from Campbell's). We won't get credit if the UPC code is not included. You must sign up for Giant Eagle every year. Information will be coming home soon.
■ Spirit Wear: Suzanne Peterlin for Diana Borsuk	Look for a flyer that will be coming home soon. All orders will be delivered before the holidays. T-shirts, mouse pads, umbrellas and other miscellaneous items are available now. Contact Diana Borsuk for more information.
■ Skate Night Recap: Suzanne Peterlin for Debbie Prescenzi	PTO made approximately \$120 on this event. This is not intended to be a big money maker but is done for the enjoyment of the kids.

<p>■ Harvest Creature and Poem Contest: Melissa Augustine</p>	<p>Flyer will be coming home soon. Children can create a "creature" out of fall vegetables and plants or create a poem. The creatures and poems will be on display and 3 winners per grade will be chosen. This is a fun fall event.</p>
<p>■ Helping Hands: Suzanne Peterlin for Laura Adams</p>	<p>The Helping Hands board will be located in the gym lobby. Teachers' special classroom requests are displayed. If you would like to help, simply return your donation to school along with the original request.</p>
<p>■ Directory: Melissa Augustine</p>	<p>The very handy School Directory is currently being printed. It will be sent home next week.</p>
<p>■ Open House Recap: Suzanne Peterlin</p>	<p>Thanks to Sue Bernhofer for organizing the Candy-O-Grams. Ideas for next year include selling water bottles, providing information on the PTO meeting, and finding a way to direct people to the cafeteria/gym. One idea was to have the Supply Kits in the gym and extending the hours.</p>
<p>■ Room Parent Meeting: Angela Chesnick</p>	<p>Room parent meeting was held last Friday. All classrooms are covered. Letters and donation requests will be sent home today.</p>
<p>■ Jump-In Magazine: Suzanne Peterlin</p>	<p>The Jump-In magazine was given to K-3 parents courtesy of PTO Today organization. Suzanne would like feedback on the magazine.</p>
<p>■ Security: Mrs. Rastok</p>	<p>Some parents have expressed concern over the lack of a secure front door at the school. Mrs. Rastok researched the issue and found a buzzer and intercom system that could be installed. This is not a priority for the school district and funds would need to come from the PTO. After discussion on the pros and cons of a system, Maureen Fragnoli made a motion to defer pursuing a security system, Michelle Huff seconded the motion. Motion passed.</p>
<p>■ Jump-a-thon: Suzanne Peterlin</p>	<p>The Jump-a-thon will replace the read-a-thon this year in alignment with the healthy bodies theme. Children will gather sponsors for the number of minutes they jump. The jump-a-thon will be held during Physical Education class. We need volunteers to help with this event. If you can help, please contact Suzanne Peterlin.</p>
<p>■ Open "Green Card" Positions: Suzanne Peterlin</p>	<p>Debbie Herbert has volunteered to chair the Winterfest Basket Raffle. Jenny Austin volunteered to chair the Babysitting Pool, and Janet Weyls volunteered to administer the Nestle water bottle program. Thank you everyone! There is still a 2nd Vice President for Fundraising position open. If interested, call Suzanne Peterlin.</p>
<p>■ Hospitality - Fall Conference Night Staff Dinner: Maureen Fragnoli and Vicki Tifft</p>	<p>Signup sheets were circulated at the meeting to help with providing dinner for the teachers during conference nights. If you would like to help please contact Maureen Fragnoli or Vicki Tifft.</p>
<p>■ Budget Proposal: Anka Wiencek</p>	<p>The proposed budget was reviewed. DARE T-shirts are part of the General Fund. Melissa Augustine made a motion to amend the budget to include Cookie Dough sales in the budget under Special Events and monies would be used for the playground renovation. Vicki Tifft seconded the motion, motion passed.</p>
<p>■ Open Discussion</p>	<p>Cookie dough and other products will be sold again this year to raise money for the playground renovation. Sales will begin in November with delivery approximately 2 weeks before the holidays. If you would like to be on the Playground committee, contact Laura Ruggiero.</p>
<p>■ Miscellaneous</p>	<p>The PTO received a Thank You card from the after prom committee in appreciation of the donation.</p> <p>Lisa Nickell won the door prize!</p>

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