

## HOSACK PFA MINUTES 9/1/15

In attendance: Karen Rosella, Laurel Schreiber, Kelley Kaparakos, Danielle Landy, Amanda Mathieson, Dana Kantz, Alice Rumsberger, John Harrison, Shelly Lannis, Melissa Tabbarah, Eileen Russell, Amy Rickicki

Handouts: Agenda

Meeting Called to order at 9:20 am

### **Secretary's Report-Kelley Kaparakos**

TY note from Mrs. Lang for Retirees Breakfast

### **Treasurer's Report- Karen Rosella**

Motion to approve Alice Becket Rumsberger as Treasurer for 2015-2016 School Year. Amy, Eileen 2<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Teacher Liasion Report- Danielle Landy**

Teachers are asking questions regarding budget. "Time For Kids" publication for 1<sup>st</sup> grade (Mrs. Lope). Is there a Line item for this in the budget? Karen and Mrs. Mathieson indicated there a a surplus of \$175 from the PPG Grant that can cover the cost. The Tech Integrater would like to purchase a green screen from Amazon at a cost of \$50. Karen and Laurel indicated that would be approved and covered for purchase.

### **Principal's Report- Amanda Mathieson**

"We are off to a great start of the school year." Hosack received an iPad cart with 30 new Ipad, which teachers can sign out. There is a new interactive projector and white boards for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. Upcoming dates: 9/3 Get Acquainted Night 6:30, Curriculum Nights 9/8 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grades 6:30-8:30, 9/9 5<sup>th</sup> grade, 9/10 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades. Amanda clarified agenda that visitor understand that the classroom presentation is an hour and then there is an hour to meet with the special area teachers as well. Details are listed on the website. 9/28 Title 1 meeting 10-30-12:30.

### **EAC Report-Jill Dugan**

No meetings as of yet, nothing to report.

### **SPLC Report- Dana Kantz**

Superintendent's meeting is scheduled for next Thursday. Dana indicated anyone with concerns about bus stop safety or any school related issue to contact her, and she can take it to the Superintendent.

### **NASB Report- John Harrison**

There is a School Board position that will be available, if anyone is interested. Also, the current Superintendent who is currently out on extended medical leave, will be retiring at the end of the year.

### **Assemblies- Shelly Lannis**

There was an "Anti-Bullying" Assembly held on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, which the kids seem to enjoy. There will be @ 2-3 Assemblies, and she is open for suggestions or ideas. It is preferred to stay with the theme of the year, and this year's theme is "We are Hosack".

### **TAG- Melissa Tabbarah**

Melissa gave an explanation as to what the Traveling Art Gallery is, and encouraged everyone to consider signing out a piece of art work to present to the classroom. Each presentation is generally 20 minutes in length and does have a folder of information provided with each piece. A signup sheet was sent around.

### **Presidents Report- Karen Rosella and Laurel Schreiber**

Karen presented two options for consideration of the playground. The first would keep much of the current equipment and the addition of panels for \$24,000 or the other option which would add an additional slide would cost \$29,000. There was much discussion about some fundraiser opportunities to raise additional money, and to consider the addition of another “handicap friendly” option. Another suggestion was to inform families that the District is not responsible to purchase a new playground, only maintain it. It was decided that the “Participation Fees” be split with the \$35 Opt out fee to be requested now, and the \$15 Participation be requested closer to the time of the field trips. All agreed. There will be a Chess club starting Monday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, 3:30-4:45 and running for 8 weeks. The cost is \$50.

With the new clearance laws now in effect, there will be changes for volunteer sign up. Clearances must be submitted in order to be eligible to participate in classroom parties. Amanda did clarify that clearances are not necessary if you are having lunch with your student or attending a concert.

### **New Business**

#### **Get Acquainted Night- Eileen Russell**

New this year will be 2 food trucks available during the evening, along with Rita’s. There will be a mobile pizza woodfire oven truck and a Naikama truck

#### **Fundraising Opportunities- Amy Rickicki**

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Meeting Adjourned at

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelley Kaparakos, PFA Secretary