

HOSACK PFA MINUTES 10/4/16

Meeting called to order 7:00 PM

people in attendance were: Jessie Paclawski, Kelley Kaparakos, Amy Rickicki, Chelsea Schilpp, Danielle Landy, Mandy Mathieson, Brandie Sunday, Kathy Petraglia, Elaine Davis and Karen Rosella

Sept minutes were approved:
motion made by Amy Rickicki
seconded by Brandi Sunday

Secretary's Report: Kelley Kaparakos

Treasurer's Report: Karen Rosella for Alice Rumsbeger

~ We paid \$75 School Counselor items, \$949 Assemblies, \$14,000 for second installment of playground. We received \$150 in Spirit Sleeves. Amy discussed possibly offering various colors in the future.

Teacher Liaison: Danielle Landy

~"Not much to share this month". Follow up from Mrs. Lope's (K) request for on-line version of Scholastic News. They ordered 40 hard copies...asking to supplement the others at a cost of @ \$4.54 for Time for Kids for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade vs. \$5.25 for buying Scholastic News. Mrs Lope and Karen Rosella discussed the order to be placed for Kindergarten. Karen will call to correct the quantities. Teacher's really do use the "on-line" component.

Principal's Report: Amanda Mathieson

~ Picture Day 10/5. Also, Mr Yeakel will be offering party for Summer Reading Incentive with Rita's Italian Ice Friday at 2:30. October Theme "Being Your Personal Best"

10/10 In-Service Day: NO SCHOOL

10/19-10/21 Camp Kon-O-Kwee for 5th grade

10/24 Red Ribbon Week...Lots of fun things planned!

10/27 KDKA Weather Assembly with Dennis Bowman and John Burnette bringing a Tornado Machine, event to benefit the "Turkey Fund". We are looking for ideas for raising money. Also needed that day, "Media Ready Cake". It was suggested to offer them a gift certificate and Karen & Danielle said it would not be necessary. Someone suggested offering color specific turkey feathers to each grade for \$ raised.

10/31 HALLOWEEN PARTY AND PARADE. Volunteers can arrive at 1:45, parade at 2:00 with parties to follow. Letter will be sent out to families @ costumes & parking. Alice and Mandy are working on snack to be offered.

EAC Report: Leslie Dozier

EAC report: the group has not met as of yet. Meeting scheduled for 10/14/16

SPLC Report- Karen

~Questions given out to be discussed at next meeting scheduled for 10/19/16

NASB Report- John Harrison (Chelsea Schilpp to assist)

~Nothing to report. Karen discussed that the Presidents of PFA for each school are currently meeting every month. Questions @Science projects at other schools. Hosack is the only one that offers optional projects for 2nd & 3rd grade. Other schools have starting 4th grade only. Lunch Room seating at Ingomar has boy/girl/boy/girl assigned. Peebles offers lunchroom seating anywhere within grade level. Mandy did explain that Lunch Staff have a very good system in place and would want them to consider other option. She cautions doing that as regular practice but may be nice to "Mix it up Day" for fun for the kids. Mandy will bring it up in discussion with staff

Assemblies: Brandi Sunday

~Mrs Mathieson said "Special Thank you" for Brandi for free assembly and putting together the awesome upcoming KDKA weather assembly. Brandi had a question @Diversity Assembly and trouble with connecting with Winchester Thurston

TAG-

~No Report

President's Report:

New Business:

~Hosack Yearbook has asked for no I-Phone photos. Please submit pictures to [hosackyearbook@gmail.com/](mailto:hosackyearbook@gmail.com) New volunteers needed for this year. Kim Aggazio is helping with pictures

~Field day is confirmed for June 1st, 2017. ELF is confirmed for inflatables, Coach Dave Grey not available, but sending other staff. Bessie is still looking for additional helpers to coordinate.

~Staff Appreciation- Panera Bagels & Donuts offered by David Kuehl a Kindergarten parent. 4th grade is looking for parent donations for Teachers...fruit and vegetables?

~PFA may start specifying which events are benefitting playground or other areas. Playground Update: Hosack is still actively trying for grants. Playground Phase II- \$30,000. Amy asked if we do not raise the \$, can we still purchase monkey bars.

Karen explained we would need to move a few trees for that to happen. Someone suggested offering a "Go Fund Me" page for the playground. Danielle explained they are submitting for a \$10,000 scholarship to Campbell's Soup.

~Student Directory is in the works. Laurel will be training someone to take over the Directory. Hosack will be going to electronic sign up.

~Chelsea Schilpp presented a question/concern as to why Hosack would pilot a dance program and not at least present her with the opportunity to participate? As the HS Dance Team Instructor, Studio Owner, former NA Teacher and parent of two Hosack boys and NA alumni herself. Chelsea expressed disappointment and frustration that she would have not be considered at all for the opportunity. Chelsea also explained Hosack has requested for her organization to perform at many previous events, and felt that she should have at least been presented the opportunity prior to finalizing. She has requested the PFA at least consider her next year. All agreed that she should be given that opportunity in the future, to consider participating .

Old Business:

~Homework concerns from parents. Mandy had expressed that many parents have been vocal about their concerns over the amount of homework that is coming home and the length of time it is taking the kids to complete it. Mandy said the general rule of thumb is 10 minutes per subject. She will be addressing it further at a future meeting with teachers. Also, many families are very frustrated and concerned about the new Math program. She is tracking the Math assessment and there is a Curriculum review team that assess as well. She also explained that the 1st year of implementation is always very difficult.

Fundraising Opportunities: Amy Rickicki

Upcoming Dine In Dates:

11/8 Monte Cello's 11 am-10 p.m. Offering Lunch Buffet for \$6.50. 25% proceeds going to playground. Flyer not required. Credit if purchasing gift cards

12/5 Chipotle McCandless~4:00-8:00 Take out/Dine In... 50% of proceeds going to Playground

BJ's Brewhouse trying to also offer "Dine In" opportunity to Hosack

Meeting Adjourned at 8:55 PM , next meeting 11/2/16 at 9:15

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelley Kaparakos

