

HOSACK PFA MINUTES 4/5/16

Meeting called to order April 5th at 9:20 AM

people in attendance were: Eileen Russell, Amy Rickicki, Robyn Mascari, Shelly Lannis, Shaney Boles, Mandy Mathieson, Karen Rosella, Alice Rumsberger, Kelley Kaparakos

March minutes were approved:

motion made by Eileen Russell

seconded by Shelly Lannis

Secretary's Report: Kelley Kaparakos

Treasurer's Report: Karen Rosella for Alice Rumsberger

~ We made @ \$2,300 on various PFA sponsored events.

\$420 Spirit Sleeves~ \$120 Paint Night~\$287.87 Chucky Cheese ~ \$200 Gift of Time~\$1,401.19

Jelly Belly Sales~ \$50 Game Night. Dessert Auction brought in @ \$5,000 in profit (Raised \$6,500-Expenses@\$1,500). Everyone agreed they liked the new format with the dancers, and karate, thought the NA Fiddlers were a little difficult to hear. Additional expenses where \$460 1st grade Field Trip, \$616 4th grade Field Trip to Science Center

Teacher Liaison: Danielle Landy

~We will be offering "Dress-Up" Themes during the week of PSSA Testing. There will be different themes each day, information announced daily over the morning announcements and offered on our Facebook page.

~Danielle asked is the "Wish List" option for teachers request is still available this year, due to the playground fundraising. Eileen Russell made a motion that all additional or available funds this year go directly to the playground, Alice Rumsberger seconded and it passed unanimously.

Principal's Report: Amanda Mathieson

~Mrs. Mathieson was excited to share that Hosack has received recognition as a "High Achieving School based on Title 1 Services in the areas of "overall achievement and substantial growth. We have an option to win a \$50K grant. Mrs. Mathieson would like to use the grant for offering fun STEM Labs. Additional information to follow. This is the first time our school has been recognized for this honor.

~ Upcoming Class Field Trips. 2nd grade went to the Pittsburgh Symphony and will have a backstage tour.

~ PSSA Testing to start Monday, April 11th. 4 days of English Testing, 3 days of Math testing, 4th grade will have 2 extra days of Science testing.

~Mrs. Mathieson has asked for Hosack Parents to consider attending the upcoming NA Diversity Forum on April 14th at 6:00 at Central.

~There will be an upcoming "Climate Survey" to discuss topics of school life experience at North Allegheny which will help the District better understand the areas they need to focus on and for cultural awareness.

~# of kindergarten for next year is low. 51 Students (3 classes) currently. Encourage registration now.

Upcoming Events:

4/7 2nd grade field trip to Pgh Symphony

4/11 Start of PSSA Testing and "Theme Week"

4/13 1st grade field trip to Pgh Zoo

4/20 2nd grade field trip to Old Economy

4/22 4th Grade Growth and Development (During P.E.)

4/22 "Hosack Rocks a Playground" Dance (Fundraiser)

4/25-26 5th Grade Aids Discussion

5/2 5th grade "Move Up Day" to 6th grade

EAC Report: Given by Karen Rosella

~ At meeting there was discussion of the Math Curriculum and making changes based on CORE and changes to the qualifications necessary to get into the GOAL program

SPLC Report- Given by Karen Rosella

~Bob Buzzuto has announced that coaches will be required to have certain certifications and will be focusing on Players emotional developments, Safety and a new Intermural Philosophy. They will be looking a adequate attendance, variety of activities for both boys and girls and to have Intermurals offered at every elementary school.

Limit of 2 per year.

~Counseling Dept gave a presentation of their new software to be offered which will be used to assist students with college applications.

~ COGAT will not be offered to 4th grade in 2015-2016. A Committee is being formed to examine IOWA'S, COGATS, and PSSA's to see if NA is offering too many standardized testing.

~Discussion over how complicated the scheduling process is for NAI and NASH students. Also, to limited the # of AP classes offered as many college and universities will no longer accept AP High School as credit.

~Budget has \$5,000,000 deficit, and they plan to use this year's surplus for next year.

NASB Report- John Harrison

~No new business to report

Auction: Shelly Lannis and Amy Rickicki

~Auction rasied about \$6,500 with @ \$1,500 in expenses.

TAG-Melissa Tabbarah: ~No Report

President's Report: Karen Rosella/Laurel Schrieber

New Business:

~Yearbook Sales- April 4th deadline met. 251 books sold. There will be 9 extra yearbooks for 5th grade available, 18 extras for Hosack families. Questions or orders go to hosackyearbook@gmail.com .

~ Karen requested a motion be made to pay \$175 for DJ services for the upcoming "Hosack Rocks a Playground" event. Eileen made the motion which was seconded by Amy Rickicki and passed. Additional motion needed to be made to pay the overage on Assemblies of \$120. Eileen Russell made the motion to pay the overage, which was seconded by Amy Rickicki and passed.

~An email will be going out to confirm who is interested in retaining current PFA positions, so we can post openings for the May meeting. All open positions will be posted.

~"Hosack Rocks a Playground" to be held on Friday, April 22nd from 6:00-8:00 Children must be accompanied by a parent. Every student received information on \$5 pledge sheet/Admission. If all students pledge \$5 the event will earn @ \$1,720. There will be a homeroom challenge. The class with the highest amount of pledges will get a VIP table at the dance and get to submit a playlist. Pledges can be turned in up until April 20th. Center Stage dancers will attend, Girl Scout greeters, and a Snack Shop will be available. There is a "Sign up Genius" for those looking to offer donations or volunteer.

~Question was asked about clarification on a North Hills Newspaper article which said Hosack has already received \$30,000 for playground. Karen explained the complicated process necessary, and that we have not yet received those funds.

~Karen asked Mrs. Mathieson for there to be a deadline for teachers to submit classroom allocations for 4/30/16 and she agreed.

~Eileen mentioned the passing of Dr. Scherer's mother and collecting funds to offer a fruit basket on behalf of Hosack PFA. All agreed

Old Business:

~None reported

Fundraising Opportunities: Amy Rickicki and Robyn Mascari

4/8-22nd Otis Spunkmeyer Cookie Sale. Top selling homeroom receives cookie party, if we have 50% participation we receive \$50 in product

4/11-24 Red Robin will offer 5%

5/17 Moe's will offer \$8 prepaid orders that would include entrée, side and a drink. Proceeds to benefit playground fund

~ Target income \$1,389 cut off is 5/14

~Box Tops will now be attached to a specific sheet for future.

A generous Hosack family (Rock family) had donated the "Spirit Sleeves, which we have sold 139, earning \$649.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:00, next meeting 5/3 at 9:15 Panera in McCandless Crossings

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelley Kaparakos