

HOSACK PFA MINUTES 5/3/16

Meeting called to order May 3rd, at 9:18 AM

People in attendance were: Eileen Russell, Amy Rickicki, Robyn Mascari, Shelly Lannis, Mandy Mathieson, Danielle Landy, Karen Rosella, Alice Rumsberger, Kelley Kaparakos

April minutes were approved:
motion made by Eileen Russell
seconded by Amy Rickicki

Secretary's Report: Kelley Kaparakos~ Thank you note from Mr. Scherer read

Treasurer's Report: Alice Rumsbeger

~ The 1st Hosack Rocks a playground was very successful for the playground fund. We made \$216 in Box tops, \$389.69 Target, \$1,495.65 Dessert Auction, \$1,015 Flash Classes, \$941 PFA Sports, \$2,422.38 Get Acquainted Night. Expenses this month Various Field Trips \$3,298, Classroom allocations \$1,067, Staff Appreciation \$375.03, Homeroom Parties 819.80

Teacher Liaison: Danielle Landy

~The Teacher's have offered \$1,550 to the Caring Place through various teacher sponsored events. Highmark to match donation

Principal's Report: Amanda Mathieson

~Tech Update: Grades K-1-2 Will be receiving Interactive Projector and Whiteboards for the classroom. Another Laptop Cart for Focus 20/20. Ipads will be available for 4th & 5th grade to help prepare students for Middle School.

~There will be 3 Sections of Kindergarten next year...2 AM & 1 Afternoon. No information available as to who the new teacher will be. 1st Grade~ 2 sections, 2nd ~2 sections, 3rd~ 3 sections, 4th~ 3 sections, 5th ~ 2 sections. Although Mrs. Mathieson did remind that there is "No Request" for specific teachers, parents can ask not to have a specific teacher if additional information is provided for consideration. She also encourage registration now, for enrollment for next year

Upcoming Events:

5/9 Orchestra Concerts

5/11 Kennywood Tickets on Sale

5/12 Volunteer Breakfast (8:30 a.m)

5/12 Kindergarten Dino Exhibit Field Trip

5/23 5th Grade Move Up Day & 3rd Grade Pittsburgh Day

5/24 4th Grade Pen Pal Picnic-Peebles Elem & 5th Grade Kennywood Day

5/26 3rd Grade Heinz History Field Trip
5/27 Field Day
5/31 Orchestra Instrument Fitting
6/3 Last Day of School for students ☺

EAC Report: No Report

SPLC Report- Given by Karen Rosella

~Budget was discussed at meeting. Balanced to 2017
~GOAL- Reviewing Screening and # of kids admitted into program. Gathering information from other schools as to how their process is done. Math A2 in 3rd grade will no longer be offered. New program will be highly enriching for math.

NASB Report- John Harrison

~New Superintendent – Dr. Scherer
~Spending for Focus 20/20 approved

Auction: Shelly Lannis and Amy Rickicki

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

TAG-Melissa Tabbarah:

~ Melissa had offered to help train someone to take over the position for next year and expressed that it is such a great program, and would not want to see it discontinued.

President's Report: Karen Rosella

New Business:

~Yearbooks are on their way. Extra books will be available for purchase
~ Karen requested a motion be made to for 2016-2017 PFA positions. President-Karen Rosella, VP John Harrison, Secretary- Kelley Kaparakos, Treasurer- Alice Rumsberger, Ticket Sales, Robyn Mascari, Communications- Kathy Petraglia, Flash Class- OPEN, Field Day- Kids Stuff- Opt Out- Bingo and Hosack Dance- Shaney Boles, Homeroom Coordinator-Laurel Schrieber, Dine Out- Amy Rickicki, Yearbook –OPEN, Social Committee, Tracey, Staff Appreciation OPEN, TAG- OPEN. Mandy has also offered to list the open PFA positions in Hosack Happenings. Eileen Russell motioned to accept nominees and John Harrison seconded.
~ Motion was made to remove Publishing Center and Birthday Book Club as the Librarian has been handling the process on her own. Eileen Russell motioned to accept and Alice Rumsberger seconded.

~Question/Discussion about why names of restaurants can not be listed when then they are willing to donate \$ to our playground. Eileen Russell suggested for parents to attend School Board Meeting and express concerns. Alice asked about starting a parent only email so that type of information can be shared.

~Karen will be confirming that parents are aware that we do offer a Hosack PFA blast.

~Question/concern was asked about clarification on a 4/10 Tribune Newspaper article which states that there is a new "Shooting/Gun Range" open in McCandless Crossing. Is was asked if the Board has a feeling on the location being so close to many NA schools. Many members were not aware of the situation and would look into that further. Town Council would not offer any additional information, except to confirm that the article was correct.

~Eileen Russell updated Field Day event. With DJ, ELF entertainment, & Coach Dave Grey to be in attendance this year. Looking for a few additional pizza runners for the event and another volunteer to pick up ice at NAI. Alice Rumsberger will be in charge of food that day. The kids will be offered water bottles that day which have been donated. They will be given to the teachers the morning of Field Day. Also, there will be a "Gluten Free" option available upon request. Mrs. Mathieson has said there was little concern about the "Tug-o-War because of ticks, and several members felt the kids will be out in the field all day, and parents should dress kids appropriately.

~Kelley Kaparakos expressed concern that several parents are feeling overwhelmed with the constant fundraising being offered this year. Melissa expressed is may be a turn off for parents next year who have contributed so much this year. Karen informed the group that we have successfully raised enough money for Phase 1 of the Playground. We still we need @ \$30,000 for Phase 2. Mr. Seneca has requested a "GAGA Pit" for the kids. Karen suggested in offering that to be done over the summer and Mandy expressed we would need to look into a proper location.

~Alice wanted to inform the group of the "NA Foundation Golf Classic" to be held on June 13th at Diamond Run Golf Course.

~Shelly Lannis suggested offering a "Re-Sell" of old or used items on our Hosack Facebook page, and possibly offering a portion of proceeds to go to the Playground Fund. Further discussion possible

Old Business:

~ Penny Wars have been postponed till next year. It was suggested that be offered right after the 100th day of school. All agreed

Fundraising Opportunities: Amy Rickicki and Robyn Mascari

~5/17 Moe's will offer \$8 prepaid orders that would include entrée, side and a drink.

Proceeds to benefit playground fund

~Cookie order not well received, only 40 orders placed.

Meeting Adjourned at 11:04

Minutes respectfully submitted by Kelley Kaparakos