

PTA MEETING ~ SEPTEMBER 1ST, 2009

- In attendance according to the sign-in sheet. Please update if you know of someone who was there but not on the sign-in sheet.

Kim MacAllister	Vanessa Richter
Eleanor Fowler	Susan Riddle
Gary Fowler	Sandra Arneson
Julie Johnson	Christina Arriaga
Nickalli Braaten	Kristen Flocco
Christina Boykins	Marta Berry
Brenda Knapik	Barbara Panunzio
Gayle Paris	Jim Donovan

- Welcome ~ Board Introduction
- Vote on the Vice President, no one else was nominated
 - Eleanor Fowler – unopposed, was voted in unanimously
- Budget
 - Treasurers Report
 - Shade on Playground was received as a very positive addition, funds now paid
 - Starting off short this year, will be asking for donations from everyone!!
 - We are going light on the fundraisers, concentrating on Cookie Dough sales and Fall carnival.
 - Will be re-evaluating after the end of the year, budget can be amended if goals not being reached.
 - PTA pays for the PE teacher Mr. Jacob
 - Club support: regards the funding of Track through the PTA (3rd through 5th grade) approx \$1500 needed.
 - Teacher reimbursement: 4 year tradition, Amount lowered due to funds. \$90 per teacher 1st half of year and \$90 for second half of year as funds are available. Receipts needed. Only requirement is they are used for the kids in the classroom. As per Barbara Panunzio copy paper is in short supply and high demand
 - Budget presented and vote was unanimous on current budget
- questions answered:
 - budget restrictions through TUSD, smaller class sizes & ask parents for help with supplies.
 - Principal works with PE teacher to create curriculum, teachers may suggest areas to work with for their specific classes
 - PE teacher works with each class once a week for 45 minutes.
 - PTA budget pays for Newsletters, mailings, paper, etc.
 - Additional community groups if interested in getting involved with community: SCPC, TUSS, LEAN
 - Teachers do have access to order from TUSD warehouse, each are given limited budget and therefore need help from PTA and parents to fill-in and supplement for classrooms

- Cookie Dough fundraiser - we earn 40% of sales
 - budget for fundraisers was created by looking at last years numbers and increasing it a bit.
- Orchestra - \$1800 tax credit money available, may only be used specifically for funding Orchestra, if you know of anyone please let them know Henry is interested. This was originally cut as part of the budget cuts and band was kept.
 - It was mentioned that there has been confusion in the past over the use and distribution of tax credits. We need to find something that gives clear instructions and guidelines.
- Classroom/PTA Coordinator - We still have a few teachers who need a coordinator, the coordinator works with the teacher and the PTA to organize the classroom parents for events, supply drives, etc. The coordinator works through phone calls and email to keep the other parents informed. They might not ever actually work in the classroom, but help the teachers so they can concentrate on teaching.
 - Mrs. Panunzio and Mrs. Miles still in need of PTA parent coordinator
- Events – First half of the year
 - Bookfair - will be looking for sign-ups and parents to help. Monies made can be redeemed in cash, books or a combination of the two.
 - Cookie Dough Sales
 - Skate Country & Movie Night - only bring in \$40 - \$125 each event but the focus here is that the kids are having a good time.
 - Halloween Dance - moved to Friday the 30th
 - Fall Carnival - 11/21 currently, may be moved to prior weekend due to the last Uof A home game being this day.
 - Pizza/Restaurant Nights - every month, not everyone required to attend each one, but it is free money for not a lot of time/work. Need lots of participation for McHenry nights \$900 - \$1000 possible income!
 - Holiday House - kid's love to shop for their families! Julie has baby pen for parents with small children who would still like to volunteer.
- Clothes Closet - originally to help needy families, however there are a ton of clothes still in the closet. In October there will be a rummage sale (ex. \$.25 per item). Not PTA run, but the proceeds will go to buy supplies for the classrooms.
 - Please let PTA know if you know of a family in need
- Wrightstown our Sister School - we have order forms to send home for Entertainment Books, the price is \$30 and can be made out to the "Wrightstown PTA". We didn't want to double up or duplicate fundraisers so we will be assisting them selling entertainment books and they will assist us with cookie dough sales.
- Jim Donovan spoke with us about the Masonic Lodge and the good things they are doing through their reading programs. Bikes for Books. They are also starting an ID program for our children soon. They gave 6 bikes to Henry students last year and honoring the Teacher of the Year, Mrs. Darcy. This year they are looking to recognize someone who does exceptional work

in our school!

- Barbara Panunzio spoke to us about how Henry is a neighborhood school and is a highly performing school even on a small budget. The PTA and parent involvement is a huge reason that we are doing so well. Everyone working together doing a little bit makes a major difference. We missed being an excelling school by only 7/10ths of a point on a Z score. That is thanks to the dedicated professionals who believe in our school and our children. Please do what you can to support Henry!

CORRECTION September 9, 2009

There was some confusion and we only have \$200 for orchestra this year, not the \$1800 as previously thought. There was not \$1800 donated specifically for orchestra. That money was donated for our music classes, vocal music. Also, those funds would benefit all students as opposed to only 4th and 5th grade orchestra students. If parents who would like their children to participate in orchestra could start sending in tax credit money we could still have orchestra, maybe second semester.