

Huntley Middle School
PTA
November 5, 2007

Attendees: Lori Diedrich, Peggy Dlabal, Carol Lee Duffin, Angie Euhus, Wendy Kreise, Bridget Lucius, Katie Nailor, Mary Ann Pinne, Marla Reese, Abbey Riel, Angela Schiola-Williams, Roger Scott, Christina Setchell, Tracey Ward and Michelle Wilson

The meeting was promptly called to order at 6:30p.m.

Introductions

Old Business

Minutes: The October minutes were reviewed. Abbey moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Roger.

Treasurer's Report: Lori gave a review of the treasurer's report. She reported more checks are still coming in from QSP and PTA memberships. Angie (Euhus) moved to accept the report. Seconded by Angela (Schiola-Williams).

Membership: Abbey reported there are 56 PTA members (up from 46 last month)

Honors Breakfast: The Honors breakfast is Tuesday, November 13, 7-7:25. All students who earned a 3.0 or above will be receiving a golden ticket in the mail. Christina, although she is not the official chair of the honors breakfast, reported that Panera has donated bagels and someone thru Market Day has donated donut holes. She needs help at 6:40 to set up. Although students need to be present to be entered in the raffle drawing for prizes, they do not need to be present to get their magnets. PTA invites only one parent per student since room and the amount of food is limited. There is an 8th grade gym class that begins at 7:45 so Christina asked for volunteers with clean up.

New Business

EPAC428 Report: Christina reported that EPAC has not met yet, so they she will give the report at our December meeting.

Principal's Report: Roger reported that checks from QSP are still coming in. Unfortunately, several teachers have asked for their \$100 allocation checks making our budget tight. We do have one more year left in our contract with QSP. Angie Frye and Christina will meet with Monty from QSP this spring and then the PTA will have to decide if they wish to continue the QSP fundraiser or not. Lots of discussion followed about the “deadlines” and lack of information sent home to the parents. We had one third of the students turn in the magnet books and 50% of the students participated in the fundraiser. Roger suggested emphasizing QSP during the 6th grade orientation.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: Conferences are Thursday, November 15 from 12-3 and 4:30-7:30. And Friday, November 16 from 8-11. Parents need to call in to make an appointment. Roger encouraged parents to visit during “team” times. The 8th grade teams meet first thing, 7th grade teams meet mid morning and the 6th grade teams meet at 1:30. Conferences are with the team of teachers. Parents may also meet with the Encore and/or gym teachers separately. Roger encouraged parents to bring their students to the conferences. Questions and discussion followed about the online “Gradebook” some teachers are using. This year, the “Gradebook” is optional for the teachers. Next year all teachers will be required to use it. Currently the 7th and 8th grade teachers use it more than the 6th grade teachers. Roger suggested that parents use their students assignment notebooks as a communication tool with the teachers.

Mixer: Angela (Schioloa-Williams) is the chair for the December 19 PTA mixer. There were 400+ students at the last mixer. That is two-thirds of the student body! Mixers are held right after school until 5:00 following the middle school concept. Teachers are more willing to stay after school and not have to come back to chaperone during the evening. Students don't go home and have the chance to return in inappropriate clothing. There are no problems with students forgetting their IDS. And students are able to use the activity bus after a mixer.

Fall Picture Retakes: Retakes are scheduled for November 15.

Clocks: Roger, and the teachers, thanked the PTA once again for the hall clocks. Fabulous was the word he used to describe them! They are really helping those 6th graders and all the students get to class on time.

Moment of silence: The MOS has been instituted at HMS.

Saturday School: Used for discipline when no one is “hurt”, or a rule is not broken, but disciplinary action is needed.

ISAT test scores: ISAT scores have been sent home. The December PIE meeting will cover assessment including the ISATS and the Tungstein testing.

On November 20 from 12-2:15, the SIP meeting will be at HMS. The discussion will be increasing reading and math skills. Roger would like to get more parents to attend these SIP meetings.

Panda Express Fundraiser: We have made \$107 and \$171 thru our first two Panda Express days. Christina explained that the event is all day, not just lunch or dinner hours. She will also check to see if both Panda Expresses will honor our fundraiser.

Open Discussion: The question was raised why we PTA is not “insured”. Mixers are school sponsored so we do not have to worry about PTA being sued.

Roger asked for volunteers to donate food or “baked goods” for Thursdays, parent/teacher conferences.

The next HMS PTA meeting will be Monday, December 3 at 6:30 in the HMS Media Center. The PIE meeting will be “PBIS/Student Assessments.

The meeting adjourned at 7:20 for the PIE meeting, “Connected Math”.

Submitted by Angie Euhus, recording secretary.