

Huntley Middle School  
PTA  
December 3, 2007

Attendees: Peggy Dlabal, Lori Diedrich, Carol Lee Duffin, Shelley Flowers-Smith, Bridget Lucius, Katie Nailor, Mary Ann Pinne, Abbey Riel, Angela Schiola-Williams, Roger Scott, Christina Setchell, and Shannon Starr

The meeting was called to order 6:30-ish.

**Old Business**

**Minutes:** The November minutes were reviewed. Lori moved to approve the minutes. Seconded by Bridget.

**Treasurer's Report:** Lori gave a review of the report. She reported big check from QSP should be coming shortly. Teacher allocations are all recorded and there are no outstanding checks, so it is our True Balance. There was discussion of honoring monetary request from clubs, the Art Club had put in such request, and it was shelved for this month. We will revisit this topic next month after the board meets and brings back a recommendation.

**Membership:** Abbey reported a total of 59 PTA members, up 3 from last month.

**Monthly Fundraiser reports:** Lori was thinking we should check in with Jewel to see about setting something up for January, Valentine's Day and/or Easter. Christina agreed to do so. Christina is also looking into on on-line fundraiser through Scholastic call searchandgive.com. Once signed up, if you use their search engine, they will give back to the school a penny for each search and up to \$.10/day. With 50 people doing this daily, in a years' time the school could make \$1825. She will report back next month as to what is involved and how many pop-ups might appear.

Also, Christina is checking with Wendy's to set up a night to earn 15% of all sales during the 5-8:00 time frame, no coupon slip necessary as it is on ALL sales regardless of school affiliation. Again, she will report back.

**New Business**

**Honors' Breakfast:** Though all's well that end's well, the food supply came down to just a plate of bagels in the end. The variety and choices were long gone, which lead to the discussion of possibly putting up signs asking people to please limit their servings to 3 items. Another suggestion was to have helpers serve up the food. This would require 12-16 people. We are going to have further discussions on this at the January meeting, as the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter breakfast is February 5<sup>th</sup>. Christina also acknowledged the businesses that supported the breakfast: Panera, Chesapeake, Wal-Mart, Sweet Dreams, and Rich's Foods. She is looking into Davidson's Bakery and the Bakery out on Peace and Pleasant for possible donations next time.

**Mixer:** Angela is heading up the event with Shelley as her sidekick. A sheet went around asking everyone to plug their name in where they would like to help if they were available. Angela has everything lined up: a DJ, Candy Grams that will cost \$1 each to be delivered to a friend that day, and games: including Dance, Dance Revolution and a 3 on 3 Basketball Tournament. Also, there will be a portrait station set up once again for individual or group pictures to be taken and hopefully printed that day. Christina did sign up to take pictures.

Volunteer will be needed between 2:30 and 5:15. They can work the whole time or split a shift. The date is Wednesday December 19<sup>th</sup>. PLEASE COME!!

**EPAC:** Christina read the purpose of EPAC (their Mission Statement) and their 3 goals for the year. She also reported that the district has set Jan. 28- Feb. 1 as Family Week at the schools.

Roger was not sure if Junior Highs and H.S. were going to participate this year as parents are always welcome to come and sit in on a class if they felt it necessary and last year's attendance was very low. We will have time to discuss further at the January meeting if it is decided that the Jr. Highs will be participating per the district office.

**Other New Business:** Lori brought up the "Scrip" fundraiser that Carol Lee has been handling at Lincoln for the past few years. Scrip is a 'gift card middleman' that we can order gift cards at the original value, putting no extra money out of our pockets, and they will give the school anywhere from 1%-25% depending of the retail outlet's generosity. They look like the ones at the stores, you just use the convenience of ordering them through the school via an order form that will come out with the newsletter, or go on-line at [www.glscrip.com](http://www.glscrip.com) and order them using an electronic transfer for payment. If the cards are ordered on Monday, they are in by Friday. People will let the school know if they want them sent home with a child, or held in the office for pick-up. There is a \$7.50 shipping cost for the order. We do not place the order if that shipping charge is not covered within our profits for that month.

Also, Lori brought up that we have been notified by the state that we need to fill out a tax form or possibly just a postcard regarding our profits. We are looking for a parent who prepares taxes to help us in filling out this form. It is not due in until June.

**Principal's Report:** On-line reports, the grade books, have a glitch so ignore the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter grades as there are '0' grades (or missing) put in misleading the end result. They are working on it and should have it resolved soon. Midterms ended Friday; the grades were put in tonight (Monday) and will be out in the mail soon. The GradeBook on-line for High School and the Middle Schools will all be on board by next year. It is a wonderful thing.

Next month P.I.E. will be on the Referendum. The School Board approved a plan for \$110,000,000. They are looking to purchase land to build the new high school. On a \$200,000 home it will be \$270 more on their tax bill. If you are interest in being part of the VOTE YES committee, contact Russ Fletcher. EPAC is setting up a rally at H.S. in January to get more people on board.

Fine Arts Holiday Concert is TUESDAY, December 18<sup>th</sup> @ Boutell Hall at 7:00.

S.A.M. Assembly: It was Friday and there were 45 minutes of activities and the kids chose what they wanted to do; i.e.: Ipod room, game room, etc. This was for good behavior and having 0-1 referrals. Fun was had by all.

The school will be closed December 24-January 4<sup>th</sup> for the holiday. School resumes on January 7, 2008.

The meeting adjourned at 7:27 for the P.I.E. meeting, "PBIS at HMS" presented by Mr. Smith and "Student Assessments at HMS presented by Mr. Scott.

**Submitted by Christina Setchell, substitute recording secretary.**