

PTA Meeting Minutes

January 6, 2016

Members Present: Catherine Ziets, Maria Ault, Stacy Hostetter, Jennifer Philipp, Jennifer Hedden, Dawn Resch, Melissa Moffatt, Sonny Lemmons, Shauna Werling, Carla Stock, Christina Wasem, Suzann Lang, Lori Limpar

- I. **Call to Order:** Jennifer called the meeting to order at 2:37 p.m.
- II. **Approval of November 2015 Meeting Minutes:** Jennifer asked for a motion to approve. Maria Ault approved, Melissa Moffatt seconded, and all were in favor.
- III. **Report of Officers:**
 - A. President's Report (Jennifer Philipp)
 1. Thanks to those who helped with the Trim-a-Tree: Carla Stock, Jen Hedden, Tiffany Gyuricsko, Melissa Moffatt, and Shauna Werling. We received a lot of positive feedback from the Penguin Patch and the vendors.
 2. Teacher Appreciation Breakfast was held on Friday, December 18th. We received several thank you cards from the staff. Ms. Limpar also commented how nice it was, saying it is very rare the staff has the opportunity to all eat together.
 - B. Vice President's Report (No report)
 - C. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)
 1. We ended the year with \$23,432.97 in our checking account and \$7,777.83 in our savings account, giving us a cash balance of \$31,210.80
 2. Jen also attached a banking summary of our expenses to date.
 - D. Principal's Report (Lori Limpar)
 1. Thanks to those families who helped support our giving tree. We were able to help 9 Hopewell Families and Lower Milford Families experiencing a temporary hardship or families who just need a little extra help. The families were extremely grateful for your support and generosity.
 2. Ms. Limpar reminded everyone with the cold weather upon us to please dress children appropriately (coats, gloves, hats), as children go outside for recess, weather permitting. Sometimes it is a shortened recess of 15 minutes or a 5 minute brisk walk.
 3. We have some active cases of head lice in school. Please check your child's head, as school checks are no longer done. Because of confidentiality issues, letters are no longer sent home to families. Please read the January newsletter for more information on head lice, including important facts and treatments.
 4. Inclement weather reminder: Parents are asked to log onto the district website and go to Blackboard connect to make sure all contact information is accurate. Ms. Limpar also stressed having a discussion with your child about plans for inclement weather days.
 5. Important dates: 1/18 Martin Luther King Holiday: 1/22 End of 2nd Marking Period: 1/29 Report Cards distributed and CARES Reward and Spirit Day/School Wide BINGO (Wear your favorite sports team's shirt or logo)
 6. Building Update.....still on schedule

IV. Report of Committees:

- A. School-wide BINGO. Melissa Vedder will be organizing this event. It is scheduled for Friday, January 29th. Winners will receive an Inside Scoop Coupon.

- B. Hopewell Festival: Melissa Moffatt and Tiffany Gyuricsko will be chairing the festival this year. Melissa said they are looking for people to help with this event and will have more to report in the next few weeks. Ms. Limpar mentioned due to the construction, the festival will be scaled down a bit due to limited space (outdoor games and activities)

- C. Phantoms Game organized by Sonny Lemmons. The game is this Friday, January 8th @7 P.M. Hopewell sold 105 tickets. Liberty Bell and Lower Milford sold well under. Almost everyone got the seating they requested. Between all three elementary schools, about 250 tickets were sold.

- D. Dawn Resch (Fundraising)
 - 1. Hopewell PTA Facebook page is up and running. We can use this as another tool for communicating upcoming school events.
 - 2. Hopewell will not be doing the Race for Education as a fundraiser this year (due to the construction of the new school). We are looking into other fundraising options: winter apparel sale (SL sweatshirts, hats, pajama pants), Dawn welcomed any other ideas.

V. Old Business: The father/daughter dance is being planned for the Friday after Valentine's Day (2/19). Jennifer Hedden and Tiffany Gyuricsko will be organizing this event.

VI. New Business: None

VII. Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3rd @2:30 p.m.

VIII. Meeting adjourned at 3:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Catherine Ziets

Recording secretary