

PTA Meeting Minutes

March 1, 2017

Members Present: Tara Moyer, Jill Wheeler, April Hausman, Melissa Rizzuto, Jennifer Druck, Kathy Schiffer, Trisha Fistner, Catherine Ziets, Dawn Resch, Carla Stock, Shauna Werling, Susannah Detweiler, Jennifer Hedden, Lori Limpar (Principal)

- I. **Call to Order:** Carla called the meeting to order at 9:36 a.m.
- II. **Approval of February 2017 Minutes:** Carla asked for a motion to approve. Melissa Rizzuto approved, Jill Wheeler seconded, and all were in favor.

III. Report of Officers

A. Treasurer's Report (Jennifer Hedden)

1. Account Balances:
 - Balance in our checking \$37,024.17
 - Balance in our savings: \$7,786.95
 - Total cash on hand: \$44,811.12
2. Amazon Smiles has made its first electronic fund transfer for us in the amount of \$40.60
3. Teacher flower sale brought in \$614.44
4. Hero Dance: The PTA contributed \$663.41 to pay for expenses.
5. The first yearbook deposit was made in the amount of \$1,919.00

B. Principal's Report (Ms. Limpar)

1. Thank you for the flowers.
2. Parent Pick up: Beginning next Monday, 3/6, Parent pick up time will be bumped back to 3:20 p.m. A Blackboard Connect message will be sent home, as well as an email and notice, to notify parents of the time change. It was discussed that parents need to be reminded to pull all the way up between the flag pole and the fire hydrant.
3. There will be no school Friday, March 10th due to a teacher in-service. It has not been determined yet how we will make up the snow day.
4. On March 14th, we will have a student assembly with singer/songwriter Brian Chevalier. He will sing songs about being respectful and responsible and address diversity. There will be two assemblies: morning and afternoon.
5. March 17th will be a spirit day. Children are encouraged to wear green and eat green.
6. March 31st: Dance for Education
7. PSSA testing (only third grade) will begin the week of April 3rd with the English/Language Arts Assessment and the testing will pick up again the week of April 24th with the Math Assessment. Educational field trips will not be approved during the testing schedule.
8. There was a discussion about consistency across the grades and the entire school when it comes to holiday parties and school celebrations. It was questioned why only the first grade classes had "crazy hair" day in celebration of Dr. Seuss' birthday. Ms. Limpar explained that there is a committee made up of Hopewell teachers who plan for events like this. Ms. Limpar will provide feedback to the committee to include all grades when things like this are planned. Parents wish to see more consistency across the grades. Melissa Rizzuto volunteered at the beginning of the year to act as a liaison between teachers and class parents so she would be able to help us with this.

9. A question was asked about what Hopewell does for Earth Day. We discussed possibilities: Melissa Rizzuto suggested a few assemblies to celebrate Earth Day. The Bee Guy has been used by other schools and has received great reviews. The program is geared toward all grades and the program is free. Hawk Mountain reps. visit and bring an owl and a hawk to the third graders, and they get to dissect owl pellets. Another suggestion was a visit from the Tree Company geared toward second grade. All second graders would go home with a tree. Ms. Limpar suggested if we do an assembly, it should be in April because May is a very busy month with all the class trips. Melissa Rizzuto will email the teachers to get their input.

C. President's Report (Carla Stock)

1. Thanks to April Hausman, Thinzar Aung and Dawn Resch for organizing the flower sale.
2. Thanks to Melissa Moffatt and Jennifer Hedden for organizing the "Me and My Hero" Dance.
3. Christmas City Studio will provide free photography for school events and will provide the photo booth for the Spring Festival at no charge.
4. Passport Around the World: Parents come in and represent their countries. This event would take place during the school day. Ms. Limpar suggested focusing on third grade and have the younger grades just walk through to see the different displays. We will reach out to the parents to see if there is an interest before we move forward with this idea. If interested in helping out with this, please see Carla.

D. Vice President Report (Dawn Resch)

1. Dance for Education will be held on Friday, March 31st. The schedule is as follows:
K-AM and First Grade: 10:25 a.m.-11:05 a.m.
K-PM, Mrs. Hovis' Class, and 2nd Grade: 1:40 p.m.-2:20 p.m.
3rd Grade: 2:25 p.m.-3:05 p.m.
This is not a fundraiser, just a fun event. Parents are welcome to come and dance with their child. (Parents need clearances). Children should be reminded there is no running during this event. Rock Star Theme: Children are encouraged to wear crazy hair and wear Hopewell blue.
2. Giant A+ Rewards Program: 4 more people have registered. To date, we have made \$1, 222.00 from the program. Please check the bottom of your receipt for points.
3. Iron Pigs Game: Save the Date: June 10, 2017

IV. Report of Committees

A. Yearbook (Trisha Fistner)

1. Third graders need to send in their baby pictures to Renee D'Amico.
2. The sale has started. 121 Yearbooks have been sold so far.
3. There will be a Yearbook Cover Contest
4. The Yearbook Committee will meet on March 9th to begin putting the yearbook together. The committee is in need of pictures from the Fall Social and Breakfast with Santa.

B. Spring Festival (Tara Moyer)

1. May 19th from 5:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
2. There was a discussion about the prices for wristbands and tickets as well as food. Tara suggested we discuss this at the festival meeting scheduled immediately after this meeting.

V. New Business:

A. Back to School Supplies (Kathy Schiffer)

1. Kathy is looking into providing school supplies for the upcoming school year to the teaching staff.
2. Two available options are through bulk purchases through Amazon and customized kits through 1st Day School Supplies. If we bulk order through Amazon (with PTA contributing), supplies would be purchased through Amazon and delivered to the school and sorted prior to the beginning of the school year.
3. If we contract with the vendor, the individual kit of supplies would be provided by the vendor for each student. Teachers would need to submit supply lists soon so it can be priced out and voted on by the PTA.
4. Ms. Limpar noted that this list supplements what the district already provides (agendas, crayons, markers, scissors, glue sticks.....)

VI. Adjournment: Meeting was adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by,
Catherine Ziets
Recording Secretary