

Washington Elementary PTO Meeting 9/2/09

Attendance: Tara Kauffman, Tania Kuhn, Julie Dell, Stacey Zitto, Stacie Heath, Amanda Harr, Tina Poole, Al Moyer, Ken Kuhn, Kathi Martin, Idonia Klunk, Melanie Miller, Jill Keeney, Tina Laugerman, Barb Sanders, Sheri Baker, Bryan Doll Sr., Lauren Duncan, Kristy Noel, Sarah Sweeney, Ray Thacker, Monica Thacker, Pam Sturgeon, Steve Fischer, Stacey Fischer, Jessica Parry, Michelle Miller, Cheryl Pantalone, Cherie Wagaman, Diane Coppola, Sal Coppola

Welcome from Tara Kauffman, PTO President

Dr. Krout introduced Dr. Alan Moyer, new HPSD Superintendent (Dr. Moyer wishes to be called "Al")

Dr. Moyer

- commends Washington Elem for having the most PTO volunteers
- SAC is gone, instead we will now have "Key Communicators Network". Its purpose is to bring awareness of goals, initiatives and to coordinate schedules
- the network will consist of PTO reps and community leaders
- groundbreaking for building renovations expected Spring 2010

President's report (Tara Kauffman)

- 2009 scholarship recipient sent a "Thank you"
- Volunteer Policy
 - great response from parents
 - when clearances are received, parents should take them to Admin. Office
 - if your forms have been submitted, affidavit signed and TB test performed you are good to go for volunteering
 - if anyone logged volunteer hours over summer please email to secretary
 - please sign volunteer log in school each time you volunteer until you have completed 5 hours
 - please provide email address for frequent communication
 - Mrs. Wagaman needs Hawk Buck posters made
 - PTO officers will take turns going to School Board meetings to listen for anything affecting our school-next mtgs. 9/14 and 9/28
 - parents are encouraged to attend, public comments are accepted

Vice President (Tania Kuhn)

- no business to report

Secretary (Tina Poole)

- officers met over the summer to discuss this years budget and Hawk Walk and new volunteer policy
- PTO membership, so far 66 students are represented by membership
- committee chairpersons will receive a complete list of PTO members/contact info and desired areas of participation

Treasurer (Lisa Gallagher)

- total assets of \$25,588.97
- primary fundraiser is Hawk Walk
- when submitting receipts for reimbursement, please put your name on the receipt and keep PTO items separate from personal purchases
- if you leave a receipt at school for Lisa, please send her an email to let her know its

there

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Children's Activities (Lisa Gallagher)

Skating Parties

- owner at Magic Elm concerned with the small size of our skating parties, we will need to reduce number of parties or pay more
- Lisa Gallagher made a motion to reduce parties to 3 per year, Idonia Klunk seconded the motion, vote taken with no objections

T-shirts for Kindergartners and new students

- will get final count from Mrs. Markle

Attendance Awards

- end of year

Student gift at Christmas

- will again give a yearbook

Field Day

- May 2010

Breakfasts (Stacey Zitto)

- Dads and Donuts 10/2/09
 - passed around sign ups for helpers and donations of milk and OJ
 - may drop off milk/oj on 10/1
- Moms and Muffins spring 2010
- Grandpals breakfast spring 2010

Hawk Walk (Tara Kauffman)

- \$10,325 received last year
- 537 addresses received from 27 students so far
- volunteer needed to cut Hawk Bucks
- 9/10/09 Addressing party at Tara's 6p until done
- need someone to go to Post Office to p/u mail bins
- Business sponsors, for \$100 or more they get name on t-shirts
- already have a sponsor for the water bottles
- forms requesting business sponsors will come home w/kids
- we are a 5013C charitable organization, this is important for businesses
- Cherie Wagaman took list to solicit business sponsors
- day of event we need lap counters
- siblings can come with parents the day of event but cannot participate

Spooky Story Night (Stacey Zitto)

- 10/22/09
- changed time to 6-7:30pm
- Students only due to space
- 3 story stations, 1 game and 1 craft station, refreshments after
- volunteer sign up went around for night of event
- Hospitality will take care of refreshments

Teacher Appreciation (Tina Poole and Pam Sturgeon)

- food/drinks provided for teachers 1st day of school, P/T conferences, Valentines, Teacher Appreciation week in May

-teachers will also receive a yearbook from the PTO as Christmas gift

Hospitality (Idonia Klunk)

- providing refreshments for school events, staff gifts
- donation requests will come home

Hawk Cart (chairperson needed)(one family has been identified as willing)

- reward system where kids can spend "Hawk Bucks" they have earned in school
- huge volunteer need over the lunch hour when kids can shop
- AM/PM Kindergarten shop during their regular school day
- Hawk Cart is fully stocked now

Calendar/Decorating (Lauren Duncan volunteered to chair this committee)

- hang kids seasonal artwork in hallways
- coordinate calendar for the month, early in the month is preferred
- Michelle Miller will pass on box of supplies/information and there are items in the closet at school to use

Assemblies (Amy Knopp will chair)

- she will contact Dr. Krout to work out details
- 3 to 5 assemblies a year

Fundraising

- Sub sales, info will come home as needed
- Dinners Out (Tara Kauffman)
 - Texas Roadhouse, Hoss's- a percentage of bill goes to the school
- Toner Cartridges (Tara Kauffman)
 - we receive \$2.00 for each cartridge, collection box at school
 - memo will come home explaining program
- Box Tops (Stacie Heath)
 - goal of \$1200, \$700 already banked this year
 - refrigerator magnets will come home to make it easier to collect
 - if you shop thru the Boxtops website, a % of your bill goes to school
- Campbells Labels (Stacie Heath)
 - keep sending them in, we don't earn as much with these but it is still worthwhile
- Can Tabs (Kathi Martin)
 - would like to find a uniform size container for each classroom
 - looking at better prize options for the classroom
- Market Day (Jill Keeney)
 - food sale, items picked up at Middle School
 - flyers coming home soon, can order online with debit/credit card or pay cash at pick up
 - free samples were provided for tonight
 - if you do not have internet access, two days before pickup, can bring order to

- Jill Keeney to place order
- Dinner Auction (Ken Kuhn)
 - 2/6/10 at La Cucina 6-10pm
 - \$35/person or \$325/table of 10 if purchased by 1/9/10
 - looking for 130-160 people for event
 - need auction items such as
 - homemade craft items
 - small donations of things like movie coupons, gift cards
 - these items can be put together to create of package
 - high dollar items will be a live auction at end of evening
 - business list will be held by the Kuhn's so the same business is not solicited twice
 - if you get a donation, please include name, where its from and the value

Playground (Shawn Klunk and Tania Kuhn)

- need building remodel plans before playground can progress

Yearbook (Michelle Miller, Cheryl Pantalone co-chair)

- need lots of photo's of school events, can send by email or hardcopy

Book Fair (Tania Kuhn, Tina Poole)

- Thanksgiving week
- the school gets lots of profit in books

Holiday Shoppe (Jill Keeney)

- our shoppers are good for this year, Lisa Gallagher is shadowing
- will need more shoppers next year
- all gifts are \$5 and under

Talent Show (Tania Kuhn)

- spring event
- each participant can share a 3 minute talent and all receive a trophy

Spring Fling (Tara Kauffman)

- spring carnival, more to come later in the year

Scholarship (Beth Mowrey)

- Washington Elem PTO provides a \$500 scholarship to a graduating senior of Hanover High that attended Washington Elem
- to be decided spring 2010

Multi-Cultural Day (Tania Kuhn)

- spring event concentrating on one foreign country
- book walk, craft area, food tasting and a game station

Science Fair (Beth Mowrey)

- no projects are judged, everyone receives trophy of participation
- Beth has a great list of ideas

Key Communicator's Report (Tara Kauffman)

- nothing to report
- if you want something on the agenda, contact Tara

Principals Report (Dr. Krout)

- great turnout for the meeting
- helpers still needed in lunchroom for this week of school
- Kid Writing and Confidentiality conference 9/25
- grades 3 and 4 instrument presentation this week
- DIBELS testing this week, no preparation is needed, this is a tool to determine where your child is at and what they need
- Dr. Krout will primarily be a non-voting member but is here to provide advice and time management info
- Thank you to Mrs. Sanders(new 4th grade teacher at Washington) for being here tonight
- will get a monthly calendar with lots of important dates and info