

HPTO Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 10, 2009

Attending: Kiana B., Janet C., Amy C., Jana C., Amy G., Chelsea H., Karen H., Elizabeth K., Brandi L., Jennifer S., Bryan T.

October meeting minutes read and approved with one correction: Bryan T. should be added to the list of attendees.

Treasurer's Report

The Fun Run exceeded expectations, raising \$12,800! Income from spirit wear sales was \$383. Wrapping paper sales are \$3100 to date; online sales are ongoing.

Treasurer's report approved.

Staff Appreciation

December 3 will be a healthy luncheon featuring soups and salad.

Kiana is planning for something each month.

Lot's of positive feedback on car wash, though more volunteers would have been helpful. Conference survival kits were well received.

Possible ideas for later in the school year are: catered lunch from Qdoba or TOGO (Jennifer S. can arrange that at ½ price,) coffee/hot cocoa (donated,) movie/popcorn, and an international luncheon in May.

Fundraisers

- Magic Show: Adrienne E. baked cookies and manned the table, bringing in \$120 for Hoover. There was no charge for the table. Ticket sales were lower than expected, so she was able to have 2 free tickets and back stage passes. The net profit for the Student Opportunities For Success Fund was \$11,000. This brings the fund up to \$21,000. The goal for the year is \$50,000. The disbursement formula has been redesigned. Instead of allotting schools a percentage of the fund based on overall enrollment, funds will be distributed based upon the number of students receiving free (\$15) and reduced (\$10) lunches. If the goal is met, Hoover stands to receive \$895.
- Scrip: November raffle ticket incentive ongoing. Second raffle planned for December. Amy G. will call Laura to help with a web form.
- Book Fair: Family Fun Night is set for December 4. There was a rumor that profit might be given in product only this year. The reality is that there is a minimum sales requirement of \$1800 in order to receive cash, otherwise profit is given in product. Based on past performance, we do not expect to have any trouble meeting the minimum. Hoover has not held a spring book fair in several years. Discussion on a spring book fair in 2010 gravitated toward the possibility of doing a spring fundraiser in conjunction with a local business such as Book Bin or Grassroots.
- Pampered Chef: In light of the fact that Tupperware did not sell well last year, we will not have a Pampered Chef fundraiser this year.

- Melissa and Doug: Amy G. brought up the possibility of organizing a fundraiser selling Melissa and Doug products that she is able to purchase at a discounted price. The consensus was that this would be a good fundraiser if Amy is able to get the products in before the book fair so that they can be sold in conjunction with the fair.
- Box Tops: Will continue with monthly collection sheets. Possibly set a school wide goal with the incentive of extra recess.
- Direct Drive: Will be discussed further after the January tax vote.

Volunteer Center: Up and running. Amber, Nova, and Sara are taking the lead. They need more volunteers. They will provide training. There is a play area for toddlers.

Health and Wellness Site Meeting on Thursday. Agenda: bike and walk to school, pedometers, tasting tables. Brandi L. provide updates for HPTO.

Principal's Report

- Mike Byer, the new custodian, is doing a great job!
- 1st wave of the flu peaked with nearly one hundred students and six teachers falling ill. Two classes had over fifty percent of students affected.
- Kinder report: Two years ago, the Oregon Attorney General's office ruled that school districts can not charge tuition for full day kindergarten. In response to this ruling, Corvallis moved from a full day kindergarten program to a half day kindergarten and half day enrichment program. In addition, the Attorney General ruled that all students who receive free and reduced lunches are eligible for full scholarships for tuition based enrichment programs. This year the Corvallis Schools Foundation provided the \$50,000 necessary to fund all kindergarten scholarships, but they will not be able to continue to subsidize full day kindergarten indefinitely. Furthermore, the Title I grant money that has provided full day kindergarten at Garfield and Lincoln schools will be lower next year, and will not be enough to cover the costs at those schools. If Corvallis continues to provide full day kindergarten next year, the shortfall is expected to be \$300,000 - \$924,000. The School Board will be discussing the future of full day kindergarten at their upcoming meetings:

Monday, November 16: Public input to the Board

Tuesday, November 17: Closed work session with superintendent,
kindergarten teachers, and principal representatives

Monday, December 7: Board to take action.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 8, 2009