

HOUGHTON PTO GENERAL MEETING

April 13th, 2009

ATTENDEES:

Board: Nancy Kuemin – President, Katie Graves – Treasurer, Tammie Wotton – Secretary

Members: Jesse Stevenson, Amanda Moore, Trisha Raft, Darcy Berwick, Joanna Day, Chris DeFant, Peggy McEvoy

The meeting was convened at 6:35 p.m.

- I. Nancy introduced Scot Graden to speak about two open positions on the School Board and two millage issues for CARES and the Sinking Fund. Details of these can be found at the Saline Area Schools website where a brochure can be downloaded.
- II. Ms DeFant and Mrs McEvoy kindly spent time with us explaining their approach to their Specials classes. We enjoyed hearing about the methods they each employ to teach our children how to enjoy the library, introduce them to technology and safely and imaginatively engage in physical activity. It was interesting to learn how much communication there is between the Specials teachers and the classroom teachers and how all the themes are woven into the curriculum developed by each area. Mrs. DeFant reminded us that Field Day is coming up soon, May 21st, and lots of parent help will be needed to make sure the day runs smoothly. Mrs Moore confirmed that typically the classroom teachers are responsible for obtaining commitment from parents for this.
- III. Approval of minutes for last month was proposed by Nancy and seconded by Darcy. The minutes were approved with a unanimous vote.
- IV. Katie is trying to figure out the treatment of the book fair credit card sales since these did not go through the bank but it is important that we show them as income otherwise the sales are off. A canceling line can be added to show a charge. Currently, the bank accounts show \$179 in current account and \$35,600 in money market.
- V. Committee reports on past events:
 - A. MIRM – The author visit went well. The children enjoyed the story time. Breakfast was a good idea and lunch worked well too.
- VI. Committee Reports on upcoming and future events:
 - A. Book Swap – Have all the books needed. Volunteers are required. Nancy agreed to come in for the afternoon.
 - B. DPC – not heard anything about discussion groups for the “Say Yes to No” program. Meeting is Wednesday at 12:45pm.
 - C. Picture Day – volunteers are all in place.
 - D. Administrative Assistants’ Day – April 22nd. Plants and gift certificate (\$50 each) for Luana and Sue. Both like to go out to eat.
 - E. May newsletter – due April 24th. Information to be submitted no later that April 20th.

- F. Child ID Event – Will review Friday and see if volunteer situation has improved otherwise might need to cancel. Need input from Charles about numbers he can provide. [ACTION: TAMMIE]
- G. Liz not attending. Nancy to follow up. [ACTION: NANCY]
- H. Orientation – Nancy to present. All PTO Board to attend May 5th @7:00PM. [ACTION: NANCY, KATHY, LIZ, KATIE, DANIELLE]
- I. Field Day – Danielle to add coordinator position to sign-up sheet. Need each class to provide 4 to 6 parents but classroom teachers arrange this.
- J. Last day of school is June 10th. Hot dogs at Houghton!
- K. Fundraising:
 - 1. Domino's Pizza Dough – no further developments
 - 2. CapriSun – general consensus at last meeting was to decline on this
 - 3. Zippy Auto Wash – find out how many other programs Zippy is running in the area. Our week was to be in May. May be something to put off for next year. [ACTION: DANIELLE]

VII. Next Year

- A. Purchases for school – Jesse is working on the items needed and the best prices available. Luana to advise method of paying .
- B. Midland Fundraiser – Katie advised no contract received as yet. [ACTION: KATIE]
- C. Holiday Shop – No news on this. [ACTION: KATHY]

VIII. Upcoming Meetings:

- A. May 11th – Election for new board
- B. June 8th – Transfer Meeting

IX. Motion to adjourn by Nancy seconded by Katie. Unanimous vote to accept.