

Henking Hoffman PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, February 16, 2010  
Hoffman

**Attendees:** Ande Wells, Angela McCune, Mark Walther, Ivy Sukenik, Mary Patronik, Jodi Hiller, Holly Jehle, Laura Horwitz, Michelle Sklena, Melissa Walsh, Maggie Rogula

The January minutes were approved.

### **President's Report – Mary Patronik**

- Thank you to our International Night coordinators: Letty Hawkes, Marcy Sotirchos, Denise Morgan and Beth Oyarzun! It was a great night! There were 470 children in attendance and 260 adults. Expenses are still coming in, so we don't have final numbers for the night.

### **PTA Council Report – Mary Patronik**

- We're working on getting the online registration up and running. Also looking into how the PTA can best communicate to parents. More information is to come based on the results of the state budget.

### **Environmental Input – Michelle Sklena**

- Will be making signs to put by sinks and paper towels in the washrooms reminding everyone to turn off the faucets and take only one paper towel.
- LY/PR is looking at "green" school supplies and putting together a sample kit. We will take a look at what they put together and see if that is something HE/HO would be interested in in the future.
- Reusable Lunch Box – the committee wants to carry forward with the lunchroom waste reduction program. Looking at prototypes for a reusable lunch box – BPA free at less than \$3.00 and a reusable logo bag to put the box in as well that could be sold through Spirit Wear. May put on the school supply list OR do a fundraiser in the fall. May do a trial during "waste-free" week in mid-April. Also would sell them at Walk In Day in August.
- Thanks for the support of the Terra-Cycle program. It has been a success!
- Will show an educational video on recycling during Earth Week. Earth Day is 4/22.

### **Membership Report - Ande Wells**

- The new registration forms are ready to go!

### **Treasurer's Report - Angela McCune**

- International Night made approximately \$1,000. Still waiting for some expenses to be turned in.

## **Principal Reports**

### **•Ivy Sukenik – Henking School**

- •Thank you to PTA for our visiting author, Jim Aylesworth. He was a big hit!
- International Night was incredible and just a testament to the hard work and dedication of our PTA.
- Hedgehog visit was a big success! The kids were totally enthralled!
- Thursday we have Metropolis coming to do an instrumental petting zoo.
- Alejandra Mendoza has started as our bilingual liaison. You'll see her in the office when you come in. She is working on being a connection with our Latino families, helping with home visits, supporting office staff with Spanish needs, and countless other things.
- Our next PALMA meeting is March 11<sup>th</sup>. Focus on communication, reading, homework, etc.
- April 8<sup>th</sup> will be a kindergarten transition night to talk about 1<sup>st</sup> grade as well as educate parents on looping. Parents will have the opportunity to “opt out” of looping.
- Henking will be presenting at the March 15<sup>th</sup> board meeting. We are showcasing our technology integration across grade levels and content areas. Come by and check out our new SMART Table!
- The Henking school-wide behavior team is in the middle of intense planning. Ideally, we will bring an overview to the PTA in March to start to get input on ideas about how to educate families around our new plan.
- 1<sup>st</sup> grade had their family traditions party with tons of parent volunteers and incredible activities!

### **Mark Walther – Hoffman School**

- The 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Musical on 2/11 & 2/12 was a huge success! Thank you PTA for your support!
- The International Fair on Friday, January 29 was a monstrous success! Special thanks to Mary Sotirchos; Letty Hawkes, Denise Morgan, and Beth Oyarzun for their excellent leadership!
- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade had an outstanding field trip experience in January in Aurora – “Feed Our Starving Children”.
- The After School Reading Club (ARC) began its 2<sup>nd</sup> semester on Jan. 25 – May1.
- We had a wonderful orchestra concert at Springman on Thursday, Jan. 28!
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade transition activities have begun:
  - A. 5<sup>th</sup> grade team/Mark have met with Middle School principals
  - B. 5<sup>th</sup> grade students visit attending school on Feb. 18
  - C. Parent Orientation is 2/18, 7:00 pm @ Springman
  - D. Parent Orientation is 2/25, 7:00 pm @ Attea
- Thank you room mothers for fun and wellness-appropriate Valentines Day classroom celebrations!
- Dodgeball for Diabetes Saturday, March 20!
- Author Jamie Gilson visits February 23 with all 3 grades.

- 50 students have been invited to our Summer Reading Club – for 6 weeks a Hoffman teacher will contact each student once a week to ask questions about assigned books! WOW!
- Hoffman teachers are going to the Triangle regularly – reading to 4-5 students at a time hosted by a family in their home/apartment.
- 2 opportunities on the horizon...
  - A. 2/17 – Facilitating Living the Constitution with all Standing Committees, school board, GEA Executive Board and school reps.
  - B. Glenview Park District Strategic Planning Process 3/16, 18, 23
- 2010-2011 Planning: 25 sections now – going to 26 sections with a new Grade 3 BiLingual class. Very possible 10 sections of grade 5!
- ISAT Testing begins March 8 – 19:
  - 3 – reading, math, writing
  - 4 – reading, math, science
  - 5 – reading, math, writing
- Report cards go home Tuesday, March 2
- Conferences – Thurs., March 4
- Institute Day – Friday, March 5
- Reading/Math outcomes and District Benchmark assessments are coming!
- Mylar bag recycling is working beautifully!

### **Hoffman Cultural Arts – Laura Horowitz**

- Hoffman is not doing a traditional cultural arts assembly as they are already set on their cultural programs. Laura will meet with Mark to discuss how to use their CA budget.

### **Henking Cultural Arts – Jodi Hiller**

- Music program will be taking place on Thursday which includes a performance and a musical instrument “petting zoo”. There will be 2 performances in the morning for the 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades.
- The Hedgehog visit was a success.
- Mother Goose is coming March 24<sup>th</sup>.

### **Benefit – Mary Patronik**

- Per Lori Evans, everything is going well. They have 95% of their donations, the invitations are almost done and will be mailed out soon. Volunteers are almost all lined up for the night of the event.
- Need highschool kids to run the putting contests.
- Class donations are being finalized by the end of the month. Room parents need to get their plans in.

- There are 64 staff donations so far.
- Wish lists were passed around.

### **Henking Movie Night – Mary Patronik**

- We are almost at capacity. The movie is “High School Musical 2”.

### **Chess Club – Mary Patronik**

- There are 40 participants at Hoffman which is run through the school and only 6 participants at Henking which is run through the park district. Attendance seems to increase when run through the school. It’s more expensive through the park district, but there is a liability issue when run through the school – not sure if PTA or school wants to take that on.

### **iPod Touch Presentation – Mrs. Jedlink and Mrs. Pierce**

- A 5<sup>th</sup> grade class received a grant to pilot an iPod Touch program. Mrs. Pierce’s class came to the meeting and gave a hands-on presentation using the iPod Touch and showing us the different applications that they use and how they use them in class. Thank you!

### **New Business**

Teacher Appreciation Lunches are being planned.

Local School Council is hosting “Mom’s Night Out” book club at Flight to discuss the “Wednesday Sisters”

Thank you to everyone who attended. Meeting adjourned at 11:15 am. Next meeting is 3/16, 9:15am, Henking.