

Henking Hoffman PTA Meeting
Tuesday, September 18, 2007
Henking School 9:15 am

Called to order: 9:24 AM

Attendees: Angela McCune, Andri Kimsey, Liz Coy, Christine Drimalla Donna Van Swol, Benjamin Macaan, Marcy Sotirochos, Mary Patronik, Mark Walther, Letty Hawkes, Marguerite Cole, Laura Horwitz, Mia Jerva, Kaki Voss, Neil Siegellak, Kira Maar, Inger Eiesland-Schultz, Liliana Covalee, Joylynn Ruggerio, Abigail Lee, Susan Odisho, Yoon Joo Kim

President's Report: Letty Hawkes

-Welcome to all new comers. Announced that she is in her third year as PTA President and that she is still looking for someone to fill the President's position. A big thank you to Mary Patronik for filling the Cultural Arts position at Henking School.

-Explained that PTA Council is a place where all the clusters (the four PTAs) share information with one another and with the Administrative staff from District 34. At Council this month there was a discussion about environmental issues. Each school has a Green Team dealing with these issues. The schools do not have enough recycling tonnage to qualify for the free recycling program. It is great that we are not creating that much waste but we do generate waste and the schools and PTAs are interested in recycling these items. There is the possibility of negotiating a contract with Waste Management and the Village of Glenview but the contract is not up for review until the spring. There is a definite conflict between the desire to protect the environment and the costs that this entails. In October PTA Council will discuss Technology and Communication.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Horwitz

-In the process of getting the signature card changed at the bank.

-Laura distributed this year's budget.

Principal Report: Mark Walther

-Thank you for your attendance at Curriculum Night!

-Thank you to the PTA for their generous donation of \$1500 to support Parents in Partnership which is scheduled for 11/10. Michael Staver, a national speaker, will give the key note address.

-NWEA testing almost completed.

-2007 ISAT Results

3rd Grade Reading-89% met/exceeded standards

3rd grade Math-99% met/exceeded standards

4th grade Reading-91% met/exceeded standards

4th grade Math-96% met/exceeded standards

4th grade Science-96% met/exceeded standards

5th grade Reading-88% met/exceeded standards

5th grade Math 96% met/exceeded standards

-Thank you to Marcy for the Cultural Arts Program at Hoffman.

- Memory Book Club-5th grade-Thanks to Cheryl Hoker and Gail Arrigo for heading this up.
- Vision/Hearing Screenings-Tues., Wed. and Thurs.
- Melissa Evans and last years 5th graders worked with the Rotary Club to raise \$11,000 for nets to combat malaria in Africa.
- Rotary Run this Sunday 9/23/07
- Band/Orchestra lessons have begun.
- 19 Associates in the building!
- The Glenview Police Department will come and speak at the October PTA Meeting about gangs, drugs and alcohol. The emphasis is on parents learning information about these topics that will help them right now. This meeting is at 7pm in the evening at Hoffman School.
- Local School Council Meeting tomorrow.
- Mentor/Instructional Specialist Training is September 19-21.
- Thank you to Angela McCune and Markey day Volunteers.
- Hoffman Choir has 185 members.

Principal Report: Neil Siegellak

- Welcome to new staff added since beginning of school year:
 - Julie Haslakiewicz-Reading Surrpot Associate
 - Hasti Kosari-LRC Associate
 - Amanda Schlau-1st Grade Associate
 - Steve Larenas-BIK
 - Kerry Brennan-Kindergarten (start date 10/1)
- Classes over 20 student limit
 - 1st Grade: Gordon/Kubit and Chilcott(both will share Amanda Schlau as an associate)
 - all morning kindergartens due to Early Intervention Kindergarten enrollment changes
- Thank you to all for attending curriculum night
- With new security system, the office will buzz parents into the office.
- Response to Intervention-change in Special Education law-schools have 2 years to have plan in place and implement by 2010. It is a proactive stance, regular meetings look at baseline/progress and monitor data. Group plan may lead to more individualized student plan.
- Professional Learning Communities: there are 2 meetings scheduled one in October and one in December
- MAP testing for primary grades
- Upcoming events at Henking:
 - Picture Day is September 24, 2007
 - Fall Carnival October 5
 - Rotary Run September 23
 - Leadership Retreat October 29 Staff & BOE Review Strategic Plan
 - Fire Prevention Week October 7-13
 - National School Bus Safety Week October 14-20
 - Character Counts Week October 21-27 (Poster Contest)

Welcome Parents

-Letty welcomed everyone to the meeting and had each person introduce themselves and state how many children they had and at which schools.

Committee Reports

Technology Update: Gina Pryor is working on creating a Henking Hoffman PTA website. She met with Brian Engel and her counterpart at LY/PR schools to find out what is involved. We will need to purchase a program called Dream Weavers which costs \$175. The domain name is HenkingHoffmanPTA.org and will cost \$16 a month. Talked about having an e-mail data base. One of the problems is trying to keep such a database updated. One solution is to use GoDaddy.com which allows each user to update their own information as needed.

Global Language: Kira Maar and Liz Coy updated us on the status of the foreign language program. Henking has added Mandarin Chinese as an option this year. There is one full class of Chinese, the Spanish classes are full, and there are a few openings in French. There are 96 students enrolled and the budget is balanced. They need a few volunteers to help with the first week of class. They are needed for about a half hour at the beginning of class.

School Directory: Gina Pryor is working on the School directory. The forms were sent out last week and each family needs to return one form with all their information. She will need help with proofreading in October. Contact Gina if you can help her.

Environmental Team: Melissa Walsh and Therese O’Kinsley are selling reusable nylon bags through the two schools. They want to publish green tips in the newsletter and will have more projects as the year goes on.

Hoffman Fall Carnival: Angela McCune, Sue Mack and Cindy Berg are co-chairing this event. The Carnival is October 5th from 6:30-9:00. We will sell tickets on Wed., Thurs. and Friday the week of the carnival.

Market Day: Angela McCune reported that we earned \$644.49 at yesterday’s market day. Next month there is the opportunity to win \$400 in books for the schools if we increase our orders to 10 above the number we had last October.

Adjourned 11:10 AM.