

Henking/Hoffman PTA Meeting  
Tuesday, February 19, 2008  
Hoffman

Called to order at 9:22 AM.

**Attendees:** Mark Walther, Tim Patronik, Mary Patronik, Marcy Sotirchos, Letty Hawkes, Angela McCune, Neal Siegellak and Michele Davis.

**Presidents Report: Letty Hawkes**

Letty reported on the last PTA Council meeting. Karen Glennemeier came to the Council meeting to encourage the PTA's to support the Mayor's Climate Agreement. Since the agreement was initiated in 2005 by Seattle's mayor, Greg Nickels, over 700 mayors nationwide have pledged to reduce global warming pollution in their cities to seven percent below 1990 levels by 2012. Nineteen Illinois cities have thus far signed the agreement, including Chicago, Evanston, Highland Park, Northbrook, and Wilmette. Ms. Glennemeier wanted the PTA's to send a letter of support to Ms. Cummings, the Village President. The letter states that District 34 is committed to reducing the environmental impact of its activities and to educating students about such "green" actions. As such, the PTA would be pleased to work with the village to help reduce our collective greenhouse gas emissions and to continue educating the next generation about climate change. Letty took a vote and the vote supported sending a letter to Ms. Cummings indicating that HE/HO PTA supported Glenview signing this agreement.

Letty also reported on the findings of the Citizens Financial Advisory Board. There was good news in that revenues are up because CPI decreased from 4.8% to 4.1% and the government increased the funding for military families by \$800 a student. The Board felt that this recaptured revenue would allow them to decrease class sizes for 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grades to 24 next year. They will vote on this at the 2/25 Board Meeting.

This year registration for next year will take place on-line except for kindergarten. Parents can use a credit card to pay fees. Computer stations are available at the schools for parents who do not have access to a computer. There will be a PTA link to allow people to register for PTA at the same time they register. Marguerite also updated a new Membership and Volunteer form that will go home in the backpacks.

**Treasurer's Report-Laura Horwitz**

Laura was not able to attend today's meeting because one of her sons was home sick. She did send a copy of the budget.

**Principals Report**

**Neal Siegellak-Henking School**

2008-09 Planning:

The BOE has approved two double-mobiles for Henking and Westbrook Schools. The Henking mobiles will be located on the blacktop path that joins the east basketball blacktop with the smaller blacktop. A task force will be assembled for the district to determine the configuration of a ninth school that the BOE has approved to be built.

LSC University: Approximately 15 parents attended the Internet Safety Presentation On February 13. Today's meeting will focus on the deciding the spring topic and increasing awareness of the LSC.

Box Tops: Adjustment in the process for collection—moving from grade level competition to a school-wide goal.

Drop-off and Pick-up Procedures/Safety: Reminder about the Car Pick-up Line in the Happenings. Additional “No Parking” signs have been requested from the village for the north side of Linneman. Construction workers are parking there in addition to parents who try to bypass waiting in the Car Pick-up line.

Indoor Recess Decisions: 0° is the cutoff for deciding that recess will be inside the building. Wind Chill Factor is taken into account. Icy or other unsafe conditions are also taken into consideration. Parents occasionally contact the school, concerned either that the weather is too cold to have students go outside or that their children should not be kept inside; both sides of the coin.

President Lincoln Visits Henking: On February 15 classes visited with Mr. Lincoln in the LRC.

Kindergarten Parent Tour: February 28 at 9:00. This is the beginning of the incoming kindergarten transition process; Registration will be March 13; Orientation Night in May.

Movie Night: February 29 at 6:30

Four Auction Items: In preparation for the April 4 “Night at the Races,” there are four items submitted by me: three “Assistant Principal for a Half-Day” (one per grade level) and an item for producing an internet commercial of a Henking Tour/Highlights.

Parent/Teacher Conferences: . . .will take place Friday, March 7.

Podcasts/V-Casts: The first 6 weeks focus on CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> New since last year—episodes feature video in addition to audio. Check out the first five episodes at [www.glenview34.org/he](http://www.glenview34.org/he)  
Teachers aired the CHARACTER COUNTS!<sup>SM</sup> episodes during the week of January 21, 2008.

**New episodes focus on curricular programs (Fine Arts, Reading, etc.) or special events taking place at school.**

Do you have an idea that students could highlight in a webcast—Virtual Tour of Henking School or a program to highlight? Let us know.

Drama: A Drama Teacher-in-Residence, Ellie Hyman has begun visiting Henking School on Thursdays for ten weeks. The Drama Teacher-in-Residence will work with Hilary Settle and Karen Sarasin and teach first and second graders during 30 minute lessons.

The main purpose is to provide insight into strategies to meet the educational needs of students as related to the drama curriculum.

### **Mark Walther-Hoffman School**

- Thank you for supporting our all school musical program "Once Upon A Dream".
- LSC University-Internet Safety was on Feb. 13, thank you to all who attended. More parent education opportunities are planned for the future.
- There was a community meeting on 2/13 regarding the speed bumps on Harrison Street. The next step is to go to ballot.
- Construction is progressing nicely. There are 24 sections projected for 2008-09; 9-3<sup>rd</sup>, 7-4<sup>th</sup>, and 8-5<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Cheryl Hoker, Gail Arrigo, and Angela McCune for helping out with the group pictures for the Memory Book.
- The all school Spelling Bee was moved from Fri. 2/1 to Monday 2/4 because of the Snow Day. Congrats to Riaz Gillani, Ella Voss, Justine Kim, Kaitlyn O'Brien, and Lauren Ribordy (Alternate)
- At the District Spelling Bee 25 finalists competed. Four of the last eight were HO students. The runner-up was Kaitlyn O'Brien.
- Jump Rope for Heart is Wed. 2/20 in PE classes-matching gifts from the American Hearty Association will support McNair School (funds are for jump ropes and gym equipment).
- Fifth grade visited Attea and Springman on 2/12 and the Parent Orientation at Attea and Springman is tomorrow Feb. 20 at 7 PM.
- ISAT is the week of March 3-7. Third grade will take the Reading and Math test, fourth will take Reading, math and Science and fifth will take Reading, math and Writing.
- report cards come home Tues. March 4.
- Parent Conferences are March 7.
- Clinical Model Program with DePaul is ending this June.
- Welcome to Mary Alice Off our new Social Worker, Nancy Weeda an ELL teacher and Nancy Kleitsch a PE teacher.
- Congratulations to all the Hoffman students who participated in the Illinois Grade School Music Association Solo and Ensemble contest in Buffalo Grove. All of the Hoffman participants received division 1 ratings (the highest you can get) and blue medals. Three students received a 1+ which is a perfect score: Julia Packer, Kaitlyn O'Brien and Jordan Spalding.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **International Night- Letty Hawkes**

As of now we are waiting on the final report for International Night because some bills were still outstanding.

#### **Auction Update-via Tammy Langas**

The auction is scheduled for Friday 4/4. Invitations should be out at the end of next week. Westbrook/Glen Groves auction is on 2/29 and Letty is planning to help with closeout and they have offered to help with us with close out on 4/4.

**Henking Movie Night-Michele Davis**

Henking Movie Night is Friday 2/29. The kids voted for the movie they wanted to see and they chose *Chestnut*. Right now the head count is at 100 but is expected to grow. Each child was asked to bring a can of food and a \$3.00 donation for the Debra Gelfand Fund. They have enough volunteers and will raffle off some Spirit Wear and Blockbuster Video gift cards.

Adjourned at 11:15 AM.