

Henking Hoffman PTA Meeting
Tuesday, May 13, 2008
Henking

UNOFFICIAL – TO BE APPROVED AT THE SEPTEMBER, 2008 PTA MEETING

Called to order at 9:24 AM.

Attendees: Letty Hawkes, Laura Horwitz, Jolynn Riggrio, Judy Zimmerman, Neal Siegellak, Mary Patronik, Mark Walther, Michelle Sklena, Marcy Sotirchos, Marguerite Cole and Angela McCune

President's Report: Letty Hawkes

-The Middle School Task Force has been formed and members of this committee reported at the PTA Council Meeting on their mission and the goals they are attempting to achieve. They are evaluating the middle school Model and comparing Springman and Attea to other schools that feed into District 225. Michelle Sklena will report later in this meeting on their progress.

-On-line registration is due May 16. PTA registration is ongoing.

Treasurer's Report: Laura Horwitz

Laura handed out a copy of the current budget. She is receiving receipts from teachers for reimbursement for items they purchase for the classroom.

Principals Report

Mark Walther-Hoffman School

-Teacher Appreciation Week/Luncheon was wonderful! Thank you! Special thanks to Mary Garvey and Cathy Freidinger for coordinating this week.

-Earth Week was April 21-25 and Hoffman held a week of Waste Free Lunches. Thanks to the moms who came in and helped with this effort. We also participated in the Nike Re-Use-A Shoe program. Thank you Therese Kinsley for her help with all these Environmental programs.

-Open House was held May 8. We had a wonderful attendance.

-The 2nd graders came over from Henking on May 6. It was a wonderful day!

-The 5th grade musical, Bebop with Aesop, is on Friday May 16 at 9:30 AM and 1:00 PM. Marcy Sotirchos agreed to be the 5th grade parent liaison for the 5th grade play next year. She will help coordinate any parent volunteers helping with the play.

-Band/Choir Concert was on May 1-awesome! And Choir Tour to Henking was May 2.

-Book Fair is scheduled for May 20-21.

-5th grade picnic is on Thursday May 29.

-Field Day is Wednesday, June 11 from 9-12 and the Awards Assembly is from 1-2 PM.

-Almost all the positions for next fall have been filled.

Neal Siegellak-Henking School

Staff News:

Congratulations to Lindsay Mulligan on the birth of her son, Peyton Thomas Mulligan. He was born May 6 and weighed in at 7 lbs, 5 oz. He is 20.5 inches long.

Lindsay Mulligan and Emily O'Connor are both taking *Leaves of Absence* for 2008-09. Second Grade teacher Erin Heimos is leaving Henking. Katrina Klever will be teaching second grade at Lyon School next year.

Henking is looking forward to welcoming five classroom teachers, a Special Education Resource Teacher, an ELL teacher, and a social worker.

- *Holly Kaner-2nd Grade*
- *Molly Ghorbani-1st Grade*
- *Allison Greene-Kindergarten*
- *Alicia Wojcik-Social Worker*
- *Lisette Branick-Bilingual Kindergarten/EIK*

LSC University: Odette Zebell and Malgorzata Wegrzyn are running for the parent seat left vacant after Laura Horwitz completes her 2-year term.

Hoffman Choir: The Hoffman Choir visited Henking on May 2. The doors to the gym were opened after one third grader felt faint. Many other students were asking to sit out due to the humidity in the gym.

Kindergarten Spring Sing: Ms. Settle welcomed parents for this event at 10:00 and 2:00 on May 9.

Hoffman Musical: Henking students will attend the Hoffman Musical on May 16.

Staff Appreciation Week: The daily words of encouragement from parents, children, and professional athletes (in the form of quotes on paper) were warmly accepted and appreciated. The pennants that the children signed for their teachers and other staff members were heartfelt. The luncheon and daily treats were delicious. Thank you! Thank you! Thank you!

2nd to 3rd Transition: The second grade teachers, third grade teachers, and Mark Walther coordinated a successful visit to Hoffman School by the second graders on May 6. Thank you for everyone's effort in that. The activities included second and third grade buddies taking a tour of the school, doing a classroom activity, and having lunch together.

Sister School Book Club: 24 McNair Academy students visited Henking School on May 13 to discuss the book, *Clever Beatrice*. The students also had lunch with their second grade "buddies". The Sister School experience will be highlighted at the May 19 Board of Education meeting. Five second graders will help present the activities at 7 pm.

Upcoming Events:

--May 27 Open House 6:00-7:30

--June 6 Spirit Day with the *Chicago Boyz Acrobats* in the afternoon.

Kindergarten Orientation Night: . . .will take place May 22. Bilingual presentation will be from 6-6:40. English presentation will be from 7-8 pm. The bilingual prekindergarten and bilingual kindergarten classes at Henking will house students from Lyon, Westbrook, and Henking attendance areas.

Thank you: . . .for a great year. Have a terrific summer!

Committee Reports

Cultural Arts- Mary Patronik

Chicago Boyz Acrobats will come for the final assembly on June 6th.

Cultural Arts-Marcy Sotirchos

-Will have visiting artist return to put the finishing touches on the Art project completed by the students for the new addition.

Web Site Update-Gina Pryor

-Each time an e-mail blast is sent, there are more and more hits on the site. Approximately 263 individuals are now receiving e-mails.

Middle School Task Force-Michelle Sklena

There are currently 30 participants on the Middle School Task force. It is comprised of Attea/Spring administrators, teachers, staff, parents, intermediate school employees and a representative from GBS. The group has met 4 times and they presented to the District 34 School Board in April regarding their task and how they planned to implement the tasks. This task force came about as a result of concern parents of District 34 parents expressed over whether their children were prepared for high school. There were concerns about the transitions into and out of middle school. District 34 has embraced the Middle School philosophy for the last 10 years and felt this was the appropriate time to evaluate whether this philosophy works. One of the main goals of the task force is to build a better communication system between parents and staff. The task force hopes to go the Board with recommendations by December of 2008. Thus far they have put two surveys together regarding homework and grading practices. These surveys are available on-line and Michelle encouraged everyone to go to the District website and complete the survey.

PTA Board Slate 2008-09-letty presented the PTA Board slate for the upcoming year and those present voted at the meeting to approve the Board.

President	position open
1 st VP/Membership	Marguerite Cole
2 nd VP/Cultural Arts Hoffman	Marcy Sotirchos
3 rd VP/Cultural Arts Henking	Mary Patronik
Treasurer	Laura Horwitz
Secretary	Angela McCune

A big thank you to Letty for serving as PTA President for 3 years! She has gone above and beyond!

Meeting adjourned at 11:25 AM.