

Henking Hoffman PTA Meeting
Tuesday, October 21, 2008
Hoffman

Called to order: 9:20 AM

Attendees: Laura Horwitz, Mark Walther, Angela McCune, Ande Wells, Jane Crouth, Marguerite Cole, Carolyn Welch, Mary Patronik, Marcy Sotirchos, Neal Siegellak, and Usha Dulai.

President's Report: Ande Wells

Earlier this week, Ande met informally with last year's auction chairs to discuss fundraising for this current year. All agreed that it looked unlikely anyone will step forward to chair an auction this year. However, funds are still needed to support all of the current PTA sponsored events. People seem interested in having a social event but no one wants to chair such an event. The thought is to have smaller fund raising events that incorporate a social element and are also easier to run. Several ideas are a Golf Outing, selling Gift Cards for the holidays, the Market Day Pie Incentive and Bag-O. Ande will write a letter for the newsletter outlining the need to raise money and how we will go about it this year. South Dreams Big is a GBS telethon to help raise money to fund the new Youth Services building. District 34 is supporting this endeavor and encouraging the schools to participate in the fundraising. Dream Jars will be placed at Henking and Hoffman to be used to collect change. Students from each school will present the money at the telethon on November 8th.

PTA Council-Angela McCune

Angela was unable to attend this month's PTA Council meeting due to Fall Carnival obligations. However, she received a summary of the meeting from Chris Northwick and shared this information with the PTA. PTA Council launched a parent-created Calendar survey the week of October 6th. All are encouraged to participate in the on-line survey. Paper and Spanish versions are also available. The deadline to participate is October 24. The Debra Gelfand fund touches over 600 District 34 students each year with financial help in times of need. The fund is used in times of major tragedies and also on an ongoing basis to help students participate in programs and educational field trips. Donations are always welcome from parents and community members and are accepted any time by each school's social worker. The main discussion topic centered on the issue of bullying. Social workers in each building shared how they educate students on how to cope

with and prevent bullying. One program positively mentioned by the group was “Easing the Teasing”. To learn more about this program go to <http://www.easingtheteasing.com/index.html>. Hoffman’s Local School Council University hosted a program with this group on October 15. The Glenview Education Foundation will hold their annual benefit to raise funds for schools, teachers and programs on November 8 at Chevy Chase Country Club. The next PTA Council meeting is on November 6 at 9:15 AM at the Administration Building. Next month’s topic is Food Services/Nutrition.

Treasurer’s Report-Laura Horwitz

Laura shared a copy of this year’s budget and discussed any changes. The Fall Carnival took in \$6788.69 but all the expenses have not been factored in. Angela estimated that after expenses the profit would be approximately \$3900. The Spirit Wear Profit is \$215.50 which is a little down for this year. Also, the PTA made a \$1500 donation to Parent’s In Partnership.

Principal’s Report

Neal Siegellak-Henking School

Local School Council University: 86 people were registered to attend *The Bully, the Bullied, and the Bystander* on October 13 at Henking School. *Imagination Theater* had students watch and role-play seven strategies for coping with teasing when it happens. Simultaneously, Judy Freedman, who is a licensed school social worker, shared with parents’ information on supporting their children in using the strategies. The LSC will plan another evening for parents, focusing on math.

Mosaic: Henking’s Building Council recently approved a project to have students create and display a mosaic. A committee will be formed under the leadership of art teacher, Candice Wu, and Mary Patronik, PTA Vice President for Cultural Arts. Cultural Arts funds will be used for the project.

Town Hall Meetings: The meeting for kindergarten parents covered emergency safety procedures. The next meeting is for parents of first graders on November 3 from 7:30-8:30 a.m. The topic is *Bullying and Discipline Procedures at School*.

Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF: On October 15, Miss Teen Illinois, Riley Wharton, visited Henking students during lunchtime. She introduced this program as a way to help children in need across the globe. Participation is voluntary. When Henking students Trick-or-Treat on October 31 they may also be asking for spare change donations which will go to UNICEF.

Fall Carnival: Thank you to Sue Mack, Cindy Berg, and Angela McCune, as well as to the parents who volunteered.

Taffy Apple Sale: Thank you to Marguerite Cole.

Mark Walther-Hoffman School

- HE/HO Carnival was a huge success! Special thanks to Sue Mack, Cindy Berg, Angela McCune and a host of wonderful volunteers.
- Character Counts Week! Canned food drive for Northfield Food Pantry-Distinct 34, 30 and OLPH are participating. A special thanks to Troop 40247 for helping to count the food and deliver it to the food pantry.
- Character Counts Poster Contest-Grand Champion is Christopher Chin a 3rd grader in Mrs. Friedman's class. Also, Sophia Lau, a 3rd grader in Ms. Chrul's class took 1st place.
- Office Max-"A Day Made Better" recognized Kirsten Considine for her excellence in teaching on October 1st. She received a certificate, leather chair, \$1000 in supplies and a bouquet of flowers.
- HE/HO LSC University very successful Dinner/Theatre event at Henking on October 13 (83 participants) and at Hoffman on October 15 (83 participants).
- PE web site is very cool. Take a look at it! Congratulations to Terri Kimura, Pat Hoeft and Drew Russell.
- Data Days-discuss results of NWEA, ISAT and AYI.
- Guatemalan National Choir performs at HE/HO on Wednesday, October 29. What an honor for us!
- Student Board Election assembly is scheduled for Friday, October 31 at 9:30 AM and the Student Board Elections will follow on Monday, November 3.
- Halloween Parade is scheduled for Friday, October 31 at 1:10 PM and classroom celebrations will follow at 1:45 PM.
- Holiday Helper planning meeting occurred last Monday on October 13. There are 156 families in need of help.
- Parents In Partnership is scheduled for Saturday, November 15.
- Parent Teachers Conferences are happening this week-thanks for being there!
- Mr. Walther distributed a PLC Pearl regarding Reading Comprehension. This pearl contains questions to ask your child about what they are reading. The questions are designed to get the reader to think about what he is reading and process it at a deeper level.

Committee Reports

Membership/Taffy Apples-Marguerite Cole

Sales for Taffy Apples are down about 10% from last year. Even with the decrease, \$550 was raised for the Debra Gelfand Fund. Membership in the PTA is also down but that has more to do with the change in the method of registration this year.

Hoffman Fall Carnival-Angela McCune

The Carnival was a huge success! Thanks to all the volunteers who helped out the night of the Carnival. A special thank you to the GBS students in Interact Club who gave up their Friday evening to help us out. Next year we are looking to add a Dance Dance Revolution Room for the older kids who come to the Carnival. The Carnival raised \$212 for the Debra Gelfand Fund through the sales of rock candy. We are still waiting for invoices from Food Services and then we will be able to calculate the profits.

Book Fair-Jane Crouth

The Henking Book fair is scheduled for November 6th and 7th. The money raised at this event will benefit the LRC's at both schools. The profits can be taken in three ways; book profits, vouchers (which will double the profit) and cash (you only get 25% of the book profit value). It seems vouchers and book profits would help us get the most out of our profits. However, the books are not bound in such a way that makes them not as useful to the LRC and they also need to be hand catalogued. We do need to reserve about \$5,000 in Book Profits for TV Turn Off Week. However, we could potentially use bruised books for TV Turn Off Week. They cost .50 a book which means we would only spend approximately \$600 on books. The books tend to have only slight defects. Jane was going to check on whether the bruised books were limited to only a few titles. Also, she was going to talk with Cindy Weickert about TV Turn Off Week.

Market Day-Angela McCune

Next month, the PTA is going to participate in a dessert fundraiser with Market Day. Our goal is to sell 1000 desserts which can be accomplished if each student purchases one dessert. If we sell 1000 desserts we will make \$3700 in profit. All of the profits from the dessert sales will go directly to the Cultural Arts Programs at Henking and Hoffman. Orders must be placed by November 10 and pick-up is on Monday, November 17.

Motion to Close at 11:15 AM.