

Horizon Elementary School PTA Board Meeting

October 1st, 2015

Call To Order: 6:02pm

Summary of District Board Meeting:

- Kent Area Council: Asking for a \$100 donation. It is already in our PTA budget and traditionally has been donated in the previous years.
- \$2 million has been saved in KSD. This savings is from being energy efficient. Horizon was #2 in the district. We were only 0.2% short.
- New building for special needs program called Top Program (See School Board minutes).
- Clothing Bank: 201 families served. They want to mix volunteers up by including a crowd control shift. They are looking for three crowd control volunteers and six general volunteers.
- Kent Area Council grant up to \$500. They pick one school a month to receive this grant. It is awarded to schools that have events happening that will benefit all of their student population.
- Coca-Cola has a grant of \$500.

Teacher's Report:

- New teachers, please join the PTA. They give tremendous support to you. Plus, there are many additional perks!

Principal's Report:

- Emergency classroom kits: Classrooms need to have their emergency kits restocked/updated. Additionally, the music portable doesn't have a kit. Mr. Erdly suggested putting in a package of Skittles for our diabetic students. PTA has an annual safety budget to add materials to classroom kits. The PTA budget for this is \$260.
 - The plan is to review and update the inventory list. It was suggested to apply for the Kent Area Council grant to help fund the restocking efforts.
- Celebration: Computers for classrooms. We are one of four elementary schools in the district who have technology in our classrooms for "blended learning." Great part of having this access is that students have the ability to access OneNote during instruction and student work can be accessed in real time.
- Watch Dogs: Mr. Erdly is asking for one Watch Dog per day. An important goal to having a Watch Dog Dad is that they will be interfacing with all students in our school. Dads will have interactions with our student population by rotating to different classrooms every 30 minutes and participating outside at recess interacting with the kids. Recess duty is a three hour period.
- Volunteers: To help with technology support. There will be volunteer training offered to those volunteers who are willing to volunteer.
- 3pm – 6pm Literacy Support (Homework Support): We are in need of having volunteers to participate in this after-school homework club. We are having past years' students come back to Horizon to help current students after they get out school.
- Funding for morning programs..... YEAH!
- New Teacher Roster: 15 teachers out of 21 teachers are new since Mr. Erdly has been here at Horizon. We are creating something special here at Horizon that will touch, move and inspire our students!

Budget Report:

- Year to date income for this quarter: \$4,915.
- We received \$1,500 from e-Scrip. Sadly the program is going away.
- We have last year's yearbooks available still; let me know if you would like to purchase one for \$16.
- Michelle Dean motioned budget; Heidi Hessler seconded.
- Need to get Membership information from Karah Wynne.

Fundraisers:

- Dickies BBQ: PTA earned \$262 at 20% proceeds. Next date sometime in November.
- Mixed Bag: Ends on October 5th. 40-50% profit depends on the ordering process. Paper is a better profit!
- Spirit Wear: Available all day long. Order forms will be available soon. Someone will be creating an order form for it!
- Hawk Tales: Communication from PTA to parents. Looking to communicate to parents 1x a month stating events & PTA news. Email Hawk Tale to Mrs. Merrifield and she will forward to all teachers. Most teachers send home an electronic communication and this will help get Hawk Tales to everyone.
- Smencil Sales: October 13th & 14th AND October 20th (late night conferences). PTA will need volunteers to do this. Smencils will be sold for \$1 with a \$10/10 Smencil limit. If a student wants to purchase more, PTA will require a note from the parents granting permission to do so.
- See's Candy: A way to raise cash fast. Ordering will be made only by paper forms/no online ordering; orders will be paid as ordered. The time period is still unsure but Mr. Erdly suggested from Thanksgiving time to Dec 3rd. These would be great holiday purchases AND great for stocking stuffers.

Reflections:

- Will not be doing this school year. PTA will need to start the planning process for next year in April.

Committee Chairs Needed:

- Open Committee Chair lists are in the office. Ask parents to look at the open chairs to see what they are willing to volunteer for.

Art Docents:

- Art Docents are managing two to three classes each. They are in desperate need for volunteers. PLEASE ask your student's parents to considering this.
- Art Docent wall will be created in the library to show the wonderful works of our Art Docents.

Movie Night:

- Tarri Williams is running the show!
- First Movie Night is October 16th. Doors open at 6:30pm and movie starts at 7:00pm.

Adjourned: 7:24pm.