



PTO Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 17th, 2011
7:00 p.m. Middle School Media Center

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. by Becky Hinkle, President.

President Becky Hinkle

Becky welcomed everyone and asked the room to introduce themselves since this was our meeting with the school administration.

Run for the Schools: We had 258 runners this year which was great. Fourteen sponsors and lots of donations. Run made \$3600.00. Thank you to Phil Herman who helped promote to teachers and staff (35 people). He is looking forward to helping again next year.

Communications: Working with the new flyer rule. A new tool we have to use is a one page newsletter that will cover all school supported organizations. Rewards and getting to our website will be in the next issue.

Spiritwear: 435 items were sold. A profit was also made of \$1700.00. Thank you to Mary Beth Miller for all of her hard work.

Membership: Membership is lower and there appears to be a trend with our organization and others. Our biggest concern is staff participation as it has dropped off. We are down 94 staff members from last year and 160 from 2 years ago. There is still one more pick up of the forms so hopefully this will increase some. We are asking the Head Reps to ask the Principals why staff is not joining PTO.

Hudson Community First: Hudson once again ranked among the top 100.

Vice President Melissa Ford

No report

Secretary Cindy Retterer

Please email Cindy with any changes to the roster.

Grants/Advisor Lori McCleese

Fall Grants process is in full swing. In order to submit teacher MUST be a member of PTO by 10/15/2011 - no exceptions. Grants must be in by 10/20/2011 and turned around by 10/21/2011. Head reps should meet with principals to prioritize prior to 11/1/2011. Fall Grants meeting is 11/3/2011.

Treasurer Lynn Krapf and Jen Kodosky

Working on budgets to be distributed to each school. Please remember to turn in deposit forms with the money.

School Reports:

School's principals in attendance are mentioned in School Reports. In addition Steve Farnsworth, Superintendent and Patti Engelman, School Board Member were present.

Evamere: Laura Weldon and Mary Beth Miller

Andrew Wilson was not able to be present. Beautification Day was a huge success thanks to the combined efforts of PTO, VIP, 60 staff members and many families.. Two bathrooms were painted and the outside was spruced up. Wonderful to see so many people working together towards a community goal. Upcoming items - really pushing box tops, conference dinners and Halloween Candy Collection.

Ellsworth Hill: Jennifer Fisher and Trisha Romano

Principal Lisa Hunt was happy to report the fundraiser has finished and \$3000.00 was made. This is great because the enrollment is smaller than last year's class. Box Tops Bear makes his way around the classrooms to remind kids to bring them in. Conference Dinners will be done the same as before as the staff really enjoys them. Polar Express in December.

McDowell: Kris Stoehr and Clare Smith

Principal Mark Leventhal reported that the fundraiser made \$4200.00. Pick up for the items is 10/26. Hale Farm trip was wonderful and PTO was able to provide the buses so all students could go at the same time. Snacks were provided for testing. The Mother Son Hoedown is coming up on 11/4/2011.

East Woods: Andra Myer and Julie Susz

Principal Ted Embacher reported that the fundraiser made over \$4000.00. One teacher is really spearheading the Box Tops collections and doing a great job. Halloween Windows - over 100 students participating. Upcoming items are Halloween Candy Collection, Cosi Nov. 1st and 13 and the Student Favorite Candy Cane sale.

Middle School: Kathy Johanson

Principal DiLauro said the Ice Cream Social was a hit for the 6th graders. Many students participating in the windows. Since there are no conferences for Middle School PTO will once again do the Holiday Luncheon.

High School: Lisa Baka

Principal Brian Wilch was unable to be present. Fundraiser made \$2500.00. Career Night - PTO will help with food. OGT - will provide breakfast/snack. Later in the year Ice Cream Social for Juniors and the Senior BBQ.

Administration

Superintendent Steve Farnsworth thanked PTO for their continued support of the Hudson Schools. He mentioned that transportation started off smoothly this year which is always a great start to the school year. For the pay to play Mr. Farnsworth noted that there is still a family cap of \$1200.00 and there is no talk of increasing that fee. He urged us to educate ourselves on the issues that will be on the ballot in November. He also recommended to ask your teachers which BOE candidates they feel would be best if you are on the fence.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Birthday Book Club: Lisa Strawbridge, Melissa Durkee & Monica Schie - Just starting up for October.

Calendar: Liz Dagley

Couple of dates were incorrect and have been changed in case we have to reprint more.

Cartridge Recycling: Caroline Johanning - Check for \$500.00.

HMS Bookstore: Cheryl Gamble - No Report

HMS Supply Sale: Ann Freund and Pat Cassell – No report

Halloween Windows: Cheryl Gamble, Laura Hudeck, Tricia Johnstone and Melissa Snyderman - Great response of kids to paint.

Kids Making a Difference: Meredith Coy – Two Kindergarteners were chosen for October.

Membership: Lori Best and Chris Frantz - See notes on Membership earlier in meeting.

Nominations: Mary Margida - No report

Pancake: Jennifer Fisher & Darcy Mihalek - Groups/committees set up. Working with District to do presale tickets.

Publicity & Webmaster: Traci Miller - Beta testing for Amazon - we must use it in order to "sell it" to the District. Please add Traci to building rep distribution so she can see what events you have coming up and anticipate when you need publicity. Use the Hub. Remember there is 2 weeks lead time for Hudson Life and HCTV.

Rewards Program: Pat Cassell - Amazon link has made \$12.00 so far. Giant Eagle is going well. Heinen's - only 81 people have signed up. Last year we had 271. Acme - Community Cashback is going on now. Campbell's - getting an account. More details to come.

Run for the Schools: Johanna Yurak and Tempe Zucker - Reported earlier

Scholarship: Sue Carter, Cynde Hoffman and Anne Mau - NR

Summer Bridge Books: Cheryl Gamble - NR

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS

Community First – Positive Youth Development - 40 assets handout
October 7 - Smile Day
Take a Second Make a Difference Month - October
November 1 – Ready – Set – Relax

Upcoming Dates/Reminders:

PTO Halloween Window Painting Event – Sunday, October 23, 2011, 9am – 4pm
Tuesday, October 18, 9:30 am at the Hudson Library is paint bagging. If you can help, please contact Cheryl Gamble at markg@en.com or Melissa Snyderman at msnyderman@roadrunner.com.

Community First – Take a Second Make a Difference Month - October

Tuesday, November 1 – Ready – Set – Relax

Fall Grants Meeting – Thursday, November 3, 2011, 9:30 am – Hudson Library

Next General Board Meeting - Monday, November 14, 2011, 9:30 am Hudson Library

PTO Holiday Luncheon – Thursday, December 1, 2011, 11:30 am

The meeting adjourned at 8:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Retterer
Secretary 2011-2012