

Hardy PTO Minutes

September 21, 2011

The meeting was called to Order @ 9:00 AM.

Attendees: Marybeth Kinkead, Kelly Friendly, Michelle Durkin, Alexa O'Toole, Ingrid Houghton, Jenni Colone, Chrissy Youngren, Nova Biro, Joan Cloherty-Hillmer, Lisa Fico, Heidi DeLollis, Kerri Boyle, Karen McAdams, Kelly Weene, Lisa Dalrymple, Cathy Bueker, Julia Fantasia

Central Council Update:

- ❖ New school lunch program still an issue. Chartwells still trying to iron out kinks regarding payment and quality. Hardy to consider option of outsourcing Monday pizza again. (Dominos, Nicks, Comella's)
- ❖ Passed out Sandwich Board sign-up sheet. Need to buy more numbers and letters.
- ❖ District-wide recycling program, "Go Green", to be rolled-out during this school year.
- ❖ Next all-school PTO meeting is October 19 at 7 PM. We would like to push for high attendance. Reps. From the Town of Wellesley will be there to educate parents on budget process. Letter to be sent out encouraging at least one parent per family to attend.
- ❖ Suzy Littlefield, School Committee, came to R.I.S.E. assembly and then took a short tour of Hardy and sent letter to new Facilities Chief through Bella Wong.

Treasurer's Report:

- ❖ Dues are in good shape. (see Annual Appeal Update)
- ❖ Big summer spending! Library furniture, computer carts, iPads and paint all came to total of \$14,800.
- ❖ Lisa Rogers very appreciative of new furniture. She says that library time for children has actually changed – more productive. She is going to write a letter of appreciation to parents.

Annual Appeal Update:

- ❖ Paypal seems to be big success. \$3500.00 has come in through Paypal in one week. That's 2/3rds of total donations.
- ❖ Table at back to school night with flier that has check form on it as well as Paypal information.
- ❖ Send memo out showing participation by grade level. Might get people motivated. If one person with multiple children donates, each class gets recognition.
- ❖ Possible Movie Night in late fall and spring. Had requests to do the spring one outside. It was suggested to do one or two winter ones in the gym – pajama party? Try and pitch Hardy pajama pants to purchase for kids and adults.

Fall Fling and Other Fundraising Initiatives:

- ❖ Fall Fling will take place rain or shine. E-mail to be sent out to families stating that it's still on.
- ❖ Food Table: Alexa has ordered 30 pizzas through Comella's. Also, candy and water will be sold all for \$1.00 each.
- ❖ Other attractions are guessing jar, orbitor, American Girl doll raffle, body art, hair feathers, Hardy boutique and apparel table.
- ❖ Family photo fundraiser filled-up. Going to add another day.
- ❖ Another Dining Out fundraiser planned at Five Guys. Maybe C.P. K. in the spring.

C.A.S. Update:

- ❖ First C.A.S. meeting was held on 9/20/11.
- ❖ Received teacher feedback from last year and it was all positive.
- ❖ No pushing for authors until spring due to author in residence program. Wait until we get feedback for students and teachers regarding this program. Let parents know they are more than welcome to come to see the authors in the classroom.

C.A.S. Update: (continued)

- ❖ Would like to see a list of all town wide fieldtrips/activities and one of all C.A.S. fieldtrips/activities so that we can see how much money is needed per family. Maybe PTO can cover some of it.
- ❖ Consider grant program where teachers could solicit to PTO for their classroom.
- ❖ Considering possible science fair/expo for Hardy in the late winter.

Additional Ideas:

- ❖ Room parents to ask families if they would like to donate board games or puzzles for rainy days.
- ❖ Jenny C. to send letter to teachers to remind them to make wish lists for discretionary funds.