

PTA Planning Session minutes

Monday, 11/16/09

Location: WOES Media Center

Attendees: Kathy Orlando, Keith West, Laina McGinnis, Becky Scherr, Nancy Laymon, Diane Shaler, Jocelyn Turner, Jen Prox, Ginger Segala, Carmelita Taylor, Jill Alli, Colleen Pallozzi, Gina Simowitz, Yvonne Madden, Deondra Moseley, Cathy VanNetta, Janice Cherry, April Sands, Paula Shane

Introductions: Laina called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm

Principal/Assistant Principal's Update: Kathy Orlando/Keith West

- Conference update: Currently use pick a date, X2 Aspen (county-wide) system- will have a parent part to it.
- GT, special ed, parent ideas that could be implemented, BCRs
- If have a program- PTA will be charged for energy requests (HVAC, etc.), there is a set dollar amount for everything. Effective immediately.
- Sunoco partnership, goal to provide services and goods.
- American education week, 30 families today for kindergarten
- Professional development school- educational enrichment of interns.
- Grant program from Howard.

Laina McGinnis: Minutes from last meeting approved.

- See attachment below from Laina 11/16/09
- Reflections this Friday
- Print shop.
- 2010/2011 proposed calendar available on the hcps website, Meeting on Thursday Dec 10th.
- After school activities, Media center M/W/F and Gym T/Th, Drama still meeting in the cafeteria first.
- Redistricting: Meeting on Wed Jan 13th at 7 pm to discuss.

Becky Scherr: Treasurer's Report /Budget status –see attachment below

Jocelyn Turner: Delegate's Report

- Homewood (3 schools in one for different specialized circumstances, and it helps all the schools in the county). Trying to dictate that every school has a line item for Homewood- but amount is not specified. Non-issue for us b/c we have always had them on our budget.
- Carmelita Taylor made a motion to continue to keep the line item of \$200 in our budget to support Homewood School, as they do not have their own PTA. Ginger Segala seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.
- Facility fees: they normally turn heat down an hour after school ends. Need to maintain 68 degrees. Can call 24 hours in advance to cancel hvac. Can separate it by location. Forty-five dollars for the 4 hours. Custodians are here until 11pm

during the week, it would be extra on the weekends. Price sheet created by Kathy Orlando attached. We can request to get the fees waived for the remainder of this year, since we have not budgeted for these costs for 2009/2010

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Paula Shane-Secret Shoppe

- Tomorrow night, Chick Fil A night
- Display in hallway
- Pricing day: December 1st at 1 pm at Paula's house.
- Friday, December 4th, set up from 4:30-6:30 in cafeteria
- Sat, Dec 5th Secret Shoppe: If sign up, kids get to shop as a pre-shop around 8:45.
- Could use help from

Carmelita:

- International night, Wed, Feb 3rd from 6-8pm in the cafeteria (a free event).
- Will solicit parent volunteers to come in for a cultural show-and-tell.
- Flag project during art class that will be displayed.
- Wall map to show where student body, teachers etc roots are from.
- Will use passports during international night to do a mock tour around the world.

>Square one art- You can take your child's art work and convert it into different projects as a fundraiser.

>The reading levels for report cards and parent teacher conferences.

Keith West: Staff Wellness. Introductory 1x/month

Closing: Laina McGinnis adjourned the meeting at 8:26 pm.

Upcoming Dates:

Friday, Nov 20-Reflections projects awarded during each grades lunch

Mon, Nov 23- Staff appreciation 'Italian Night' at 5pm for all staff members

Sat, Dec 5- Secret Holiday Shoppe, 9am-2pm

Mon, Dec 7- PTACHC General Meeting, 7:30pm

Mon, Dec 14- PTA Holiday Party Meeting at Gina's House, 7:30pm

Wed, Jan 13 at 7pm in the cafeteria- Joel Gallihue

Below Attachment: Laina McGinnis

Vote needed: -Minutes from October 19th Meeting. *If no changes, we'll approve the minutes by general consent.*

REFLECTIONS: Awards for the Reflections Theme "Beauty Is . . ." to be announced during lunches this Friday, Nov. 20th –PARENTS WELCOME!

All of the students' artwork will be on display during each lunch period, as well. The committee would like to hold onto all of the artwork until March so that we can include it in the Barnes and Noble Art Showcase in February. The entries that are submitted for County participation will not be available until April.

Print Shop: About a week ago, I forwarded the most recent memo from the Print Shop. If you plan to drop anything off, please review the information. HCPSS is going green so increasing efforts are being established to reduce paper. Dana had to reformat the directory this year due to strict guidelines. Before purchasing any paper, please let me know.

2010-11 HCPSS Proposed Calendar Available for Review! The proposed 2010-2011 academic calendar was presented to the Board of Education on November 5 and is now available on the school system's website for review at http://www.hcpss.org/news/calendar_proposed2010_11.pdf The Board of Ed. will hold a public hearing on the recommendation on Thursday, December 10 at 7:30 pm and they encourage public participation.

Persons who wish to testify may sign up to speak at the hearing beginning Thursday, November 19. Testimony should be limited to three minutes. More detailed written testimony is welcomed. Participants are asked to provide 15 written copies of their testimony before or at the time of the hearing. *To sign up for a public hearing, call the Board of Education Office at 410-313-7194. Or you can email the Board members at boe@hcpss.org.* This is a read only avenue. Or if you wish to write the old fashion way, please send your letter to the Board Chairman and copies will be made for all Board members. Chairman, Board of Education, HCPSS, 10910 Route 108, Ellicott City, MD 21042

More detailed information will be posted in tomorrow's PTA newsletter.

Change in Dismissal Procedures for After School Activities: Last Monday, Nov.9th, students for after school activities were dismissed at 3:55pm *to the media center on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and to the gym on Tuesday and Thursday.* Students will check-in with the parent volunteer at that time in those areas until being walked to the classroom at 4:10pm. *Also, participants will not be permitted to eat food or drink any beverages prior to or during the activities.* The only exception is drama which will continue to meet in the cafeteria and be permitted a snack due to the duration of the activity. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. Thanks for your understanding as we work thru some "traffic" issues in the cafeteria.

Please also continue to send in a note to your child's teacher the morning of the activity informing her that your child will be staying for an activity. This will help everyone with communication and keep all of our students safe.

Redistricting for 2011-12 - Mark the date! Joel Gallihue, HCPSS Manager of School Planning has offered to speak with us on possible redistricting in WoES Community for 2011-12 school year -**Wed., Jan. 13 at 7 pm in the cafeteria.** He will talk about the redistricting process, as well as, the impact on Worthington of the feasibility study being considered for the 2011-12 school year. If you would like to be kept up-to-date on the progress of and our community's response to these redistricting plans and

Below Attachment: Becky Scherr

**November 16, 2009
Treasurer's Report**

Budget Status

Income - significant items this reporting period

- Eggspectation night \$325
- Market Day – Oct. revenue \$210, Nov. revenue \$180
- Membership dues rec'd \$189, ytd actual \$1,680 (30 teachers, 210 parents, 240 total) 250 members budgeted
- Charitable Contributions rec'd \$336, over budget by \$360

Expenditures – significant items this reporting period

- Secret Shoppe – spent \$555 on inventory for upcoming sale
- Teacher Allotments – reimbursed \$1,396 to date, \$47 this reporting period. In total we've reimbursed 6 part-time/IA and 25 full-time teachers.
- Staff appreciation \$94 spent on October breakfast for teachers
- Annual PTA Council of Howard County Scholarship Fund \$250
- Maryland PTA Dues \$777. \$3.25 per member (239 paid, 1+ still due)
- Annual dues for PTACHC membership \$170
- 6 mos. Website service - \$60
- Teacher membership incentive raffle \$15 gift card

Upcoming Income/Expenses

- Market Day/Escrip posts
- Secret Shoppe sale and inventory purchases. \$1,300 "earmarked" for inventory purchases
- Staff appreciation meal (to be held during conference time)
- Homewood School \$100 (December time frame)