

PTA Budget Meeting minutes

Thursday, 10/19/2009

Location: WOES Media Center

Attendees: Kathy Orlando, Linda Isberg, Keith West, Laina McGinnis, Becky Scherr, Ginger Segala, Cathy VanNetta, Carmelita Taylor, Gina Simowitz, Renee Ernst, Lisa Solomon, Colleen Pallozzi, Bill Pallozzi, Jill Alli, Kristin Hogle, Sara Carroll, Paula Shane, April Sands

Introductions: Laina called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Ms. Isberg Presentation - Technology:

- Teachers are developing their own WebPages, parents can send emails, sign-up for newsletter; get to county website, etc.
- Additions to website are available such as pick-a-time, green school initiatives, and media center links, and links to email teachers
- Please email Ms. Isberg with any suggestions or corrections – Ginger suggested a bi-lingual link.

Principal's Update: Kathy Orlando

- Our first cultural arts presentation was a big hit
- There is a school camera available for publicity shots – please see Kathy or Keith
- STEM grant received – it allows us to focus on engineering education
- H1N1 vaccine notice was emailed from county – more details will be sent when Kathy is notified.
- Ho Co is using a new data system (a portal system) to enable parent to view student grades – X2Aspen. More details to come

Vice Principal's Report: Keith West

- Math and reading specialist will visit our school soon
- More directional painting line on asphalt in parking school to come – thanks to everyone following the parking /driving directions.
- We will be participating in an African American history competition ran by Ms. Thomas (5) – anyone interested in helping please see Keith

President: Laina McGinnis

- Minutes from September 21st Meeting were forwarded to all the Board members prior to the meeting. *Since no changes were requested, the Board of Directors approved the minutes by general consent.*
- A big thank you to Casey and April and all the parents who volunteered to help make the Hoe Down another successful event! It was well attended and enjoyed by all!
- *Keith mentioned that the props were trashed since the PTA didn't respond within a week of Iris' phone call to Laina--- sent via email-* We need to remove the two large wooden Hoe Down props that were built about 8 years ago. Stuart and I used them at the Hoe Down about 4 years ago and they have been stored in one of the outside storage areas since that time. They are large and rather

bulky but the younger kids seemed to enjoy them. They are similar to the props that are at the zoo with the faces cut out of them. If anyone is interested in continuing to store them for us or taking them for your own use, please let me know. Otherwise, we are going to have to get rid of them.

- **Market Day** ---In September we had 25 customers and increased that number to 39 for the month of October. Our total profit thus far, is **\$372.32**. Dessert Bonus Days are planned for the month of November - all orders must be placed by October 23rd with delivery on October 29th
- The PTA Council Howard County (PTACHC) Family Involvement Committee is sponsoring a Coat Drive to support the Howard County Public School System Pupil Personnel Workers (PPW) efforts to meet the needs of some of our county children. New or gently used (cleaned, all zippers and buttons work, ready to wear) boys and girls coats of all sizes adult are needed. Caps and gloves may also be donated. There will be a box in the lobby of Worthington Elementary beginning on Monday, October 26th until November 2nd. Thank you in advance for your donations to help needy families!

Treasurer's Report: Becky Scherr

Budget Status

Income - significant items this reporting period

- Chik-fil-A night \$432
- Membership dues \$1,491, budget = \$1,750 (28 teachers, 185 parents, 213 total) 250 members budgeted – Colleen may have more updated numbers to report at this meeting.
- Charitable Contributions \$1,524, budget = \$1,500
- Pizza/water/donations related to hoe-down \$1,757

Expenditures – significant items this reporting period

- Cultural Arts \$2,100. Spent \$1,800 mobile aquatics lab, \$300 Anansi the Spider story telling
- Hoe Down spent \$2,128 (pizza/dj/cashbox) NET = \$371; budget = \$775. Expect additional expenses to come in.
- Secret Shoppe – invoice of \$287 for 2009 café/gym space (cost to have the school open on Saturday)
- Teacher Allotments – reimbursed \$1,349 to date, \$124 this reporting period. In total we've reimbursed 6 part-time/IA and 24 full-time teachers.
- Sales tax paid to MD dept of revenue: \$129 for tax collected on school supply kits distributed at the start of school year. We sold a total of 133 supply kits (K-grade 5).

Upcoming Income/Expenses

- Remaining membership dues/contributions
- Eggspectation restaurant event to post
- Market Day/Escrip posts
- Membership Dues \$3.25 per member (due in October), County dues \$170
- Secret Shoppe inventory purchases. \$1,300 “earmarked” for inventory purchases
- Staff appreciation meal (to be held during conference time)
- PTA Scholarship Fund \$250 (due early November)

Overview of Procedures for disbursement and receipts

Disbursements

- Complete a distribution request form, have committee chair sign and attach receipts
- Blank forms are on website (www.worthingtonpta.com) and in folder in the PTA file box
- Leave request in Treasurer's section of PTA file box
- Please allow 1 week for turnaround
- If you have an emergency please call or email and I will do my best to process the request
- I will leave checks in the appropriate committee folder in the PTA file box. I'll send you an email to remind you the check is in there.
- Please cash checks promptly (within 6 months)

Receipts

- Please complete a receipt form (found on website)
 - Please make sure all checks are signed and made out to the Worthington PTA
 - If checks only, you may leave in a sealed envelope for me in the Treasurer's section of PTA file box
 - If cash, please call or email so we can arrange a hand-off in person
 - If you leave checks in folder, please also email and I will try to pick up sooner
- Please call or email with any questions: scherrfamily@verizon.net; 410-750-0919

PTACHC Delegate Report - October: Ginger Segala

BOE Report:

Ms. Gordon discussed that the HCPSS is expecting a reduction in State funds for the next budget cycle. Department heads at the local level have been asked to create budgets that decrease spending by 10%. The State may also transfer part of the responsibility for the teacher's pension fund to the localities. The MD State legislature may suspend the maintenance of effort law for localities as well.

Office of Superintendent Report: Ms. Patti Caplan mentioned next year's school calendar committee has been meeting. There is a discussion about whether to begin school earlier next year due to the late Labor Day holiday, i.e., 2 weeks before Labor Day. Parent comments and input are welcomed and encouraged.

Enrollment is up, greater than anticipated. HCPSS expected an increase of 400 students but an additional 800 students actually enrolled county wide. Veterans Elementary saw an especially high unexpected increase.

Schools will not close for student absenteeism. Schools will only close if teacher absence becomes a problem.

HCPSS Recycling Program: Mr. Ken Roey, HCPSS introduced Ms. Olivia Claus, HCPSS, who reported on the school system's efforts to curb the amount of trash disposed and efforts to encourage more recycling. Areas such as, energy/utilities; custodial staff/overtime and recycling and/or reduce trash can be controlled. Parents can be instrumental by scheduling after school activities when there are other activities going on to conserve, not use the facilities on weekends to cut back. This would reduce not only energy but the amount of overtime the county pays to custodial staff that must open the buildings and stay until the activity is over.

HCPSS is using the same contractor as the County for their trash and recycling, using a single contractor saves money. The more schools recycle the County can collect more revenue. Recycling posters have been made and distributed within the county for each school. These posters show what and how items can be recycled versus being thrown out as trash. HCPSS has developed a web site for community information and to find out more ways to recycle. Ms. Alicia Moore, Howard County Government, in charge of the recycling effort within the County will come to any school requesting more information and ways to recycle and save money by not discarding more trash than needed.

Adopt Homewood School: Principal Tina Maddox and Jill Donnelly, Teacher, discussed ways local PTA's can continue to help and support Homewood. PTA sponsored lunches/breakfasts; mailbox treats; gift cards; funds for staff appreciation.

Executive VP Report: Cindy Haller introduced the new chair for the Curriculum Committee – Michael Radcliffe.

Corresponding Secretary, Mollie Shea discussed the Board Watch program, encouraging delegates to sign up to attend a BOE session and report on it. This can also be accomplished via Comcast 95 or Verizon 42 or watching it via the internet. A list of BOE sessions was discussed and those interested in attending need to contact Jane Holcomb @ ptachc@gmail.com

VP of Issues Report: Terri Chiu discussed the upcoming Cultural Proficiency training scheduled for 10/16 and 11/6 you must attend both days and there are still slots open for those interested. Please contact Jane @ PTA council via email ptachc@gmail.com.

Family Involvement – Nehemiah Spence (nspence@gpsonline.com) discussed the coat drive, bring your gently used and/or new coats to the next PTA meeting on 11/2 for collection. Volunteers are needed to help sort. Please contact Jane @ ptachc@gmail.com.

Sharing session @Faulkner Ridge Center on Oct 29th @7:00 PM. Topics for the sharing session; After Prom

Family Involvement
PTA presidents

Come ready to share your ideas.

Legislative – Faenita Dilworth is seeking members. If you are interested please contact Jane @ ptachc@gmail.com

Reflections – 3 great introduction sessions on Reflections was held in September with 38 people attending. For those schools who have NOT acknowledged who will chair their Reflections Program this year please contact Danielle Hilliard ASAP. It is the plan to send out a last request to all principals, local presidents for those schools later today to ask them to participate. Finally if chairs have any questions they should email me at dphilliard@comcast.net. Thank you and think “Beauty is....”

Safety – Marjorie Anderson is recruiting, if you are interested, please Contact Jane @ ptachc@gmail.com.

Project Safe After Prom – Lin Guba said all 12 HS will be receiving funds from the recently received grant money. On 10/29/09 After Prom Chairs from each HS will gather to discuss lessons learned and share what works. A Yahoo group has been created for the After Prom Chairs to keep in touch and discuss ideas. All but 4 high schools have signed up.

Wellness – Brian Meshkin reported on a new school food committee, this is a collaborative effort and is looking forward to working with the schools to bring nutritious foods to the children. The volunteer corp has been put together and this list has been submitted to the Howard County Health Department. The USDA WIC (women, infants, and children) Gov’t program authorization has expired but various groups are working to reinstate it. The PTACHC is in support of increasing the subsidy to the WIC program.

After School Programs – Lisa Solomon

- Drama Learning Center will perform High School Musical in the spring
- Golf and Abrakadoodle doing well
- Yoga will be split into two classes next time
- Mikes Music keyboarding class is full
- Science Encounters enrollment is down
- Cooking school is trying to come – have asked to use teachers lounge.
- Lisa to discuss with K & K the after school program use of the cafeteria

Reflections – Sonja Hardman

All those interested in participating in this year's Reflections Program should have received either by e-mail, yahoogroup, or backpack, the entry form and rules. If you have not received this information, please let the committee know immediately so we

can get it out to you. There are a few packets in the office for pick-up as well. This information is also available at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/worthington-reflections/>. Many of you who filled out the blue form have not responded to the e-mails sent to you. We are concerned that some of these e-mails are being sent to your junk mail. If you have not joined the yahoo group and have not either received or responded to any e-mails from worthington.reflections@yahoo.com, please send us an e-mail. That should allow us to send e-mails to you if they had been going to junk mail. E-mail is the easiest way to get information to everyone in a timely manner. We anticipate sending out additional information regarding submittals and awards, so please be sure we hear from you. If you have joined the yahoo group, you do not need to send us an e-mail.

The due date for entries is October 26. There will be a collection box in the Office for work to be collected before that date. The box should be there Wednesday through Friday of the week prior and again on the 26th. Please be sure that entries are protected from damage - wrap and mount visual arts and photography entries. And please also follow the submittal guidelines as closely as possible. We will have someone from the committee available on the 26th at the beginning of the day and at the end of the day to check entries as they come in. Time and location will be e-mailed. Some supplies will be available at that time for those who need them. Please call Sonja at 410.480.9624 or e-mail worthington.reflections@yahoo.com with any questions.

Upcoming Dates:

- Thurs., Oct. 29 -PTACHC Sharing Session/ Workshop at Faulkner Ridge, 7pm-8:30pm *Topics: President's & Vice President's sharing session, Family Involvement/Volunteerism and After Prom*
- Friday, Oct. 30 – Halloween Parade at 9:45am and Class Parties in the afternoon *Room Parents will provide more details by class.*
- Monday, Nov. 2 - PTACHC General Meeting 7:30 pm ---
- **COAT DRIVE---**
Please bring coats at 7pm before the meeting.
- Monday, Nov. 16 – PTA Meeting at 7:

Closing: Laina adjourned the meeting 8:30 pm.

PTA PLANNING SESSION

October 19, 2009

1. Introductions
2. Principal's Update – Kathy Orlando
Technology Teacher – Linda Isberg will review the school website.
3. Assistant Principal's Update – Keith West
4. President - Laina McGinnis
5. Vice Presidents' Reports – Cathy VanNetta
Renee Ernst - Reflections
6. Treasurer's Report – Becky Scherr
7. Delegate's Report – Ginger Segala
8. Committee Reports
 - After School Activities – Lisa Solomon
 - Community Outreach *Coat Drive* –Paula D'Alonzo & Carol Kinloch

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