



PTA MEETING MINUTES



Hermon Elementary General PTA Meeting
November 1, 2016 ~ 6:00 – 7:00 PM
HES - Room 11

Attendance: Shannon A., Melissa O., Jennifer V., Cindy P., Jenny P., Keith P., Lisa R., Kaline G., Liza M., Katrina S., Crissia F., Jenni H., and Michele T.

Welcome and Introductions - Shannon

Approval of October, 2016 minutes – Cindy (Accepted as read.)

Treasurer's Report – Jennifer (Reviewed financial reports for October.)

Principal's Report – Mrs. Perry

- The school reached their 10,000 Hawk Wing goal and celebrated with a whole school picnic lunch and recess time.
- Local children author, Canaan York, will be visiting the school on December 6th to speak with the students about his most recent book, "What's Up with Blaire's Hair?", which is a book about a child with cancer. Proceeds of the sale of the book help children with cancer. Canaan would like to speak with the PTA at the December meeting to discuss an idea of putting on an after-school K-4th grade dance with the proceeds from the dance going to the "Wigs for Kids" cause.
- The local Scouts have put a food donation box in the school lobby to collect food for the needy.
- Mrs. Perry wants to roll out the "Snowflake Wishing Wall", which will be a confidential program that will give families an opportunity to buy gifts for needy children in our area. She's asking for volunteers from the PTA to help assist with this.
- In addition, the teachers/staff will have an opportunity to have their classroom "wish list" displayed in the lobby.
- Parent-Teacher conferences will be held on November 17th and November 21st. The PTA was asked to provide a potluck dinner for the teachers on the 17th. Shannon will post a sign-up sheet on our FB page.
- The winter concert has been set for December 8th for Pre-K – 2nd grades and December 9th for 3rd and 4th grades, both at 2:00. Morning Pre-K class will need to provide their own transportation to the school, if they wish to participate in the concert. Dismissal procedures for after the concert will be figured out beforehand.

- Regarding using the school for extra-curricular clubs (i.e. Scouts), Mrs. Perry spoke with the teachers and it was decided that using the classrooms isn't an option for two main reasons: 1) often teachers work late and need to be in the classrooms and 2) there is no way to lock confidential information in a classroom without having a locking file cabinet, so teachers have to lock their doors when they leave. Space options that are available at HES include the library, the conference room, the Music room and possibly the stage area (not sure because of the Recreation after school program).
- Discussed what the Recreation Program building expansion would look like, if the November 8th ballot passes.

Old Business:

1. Fundraiser update.
 - Fundraiser items are expected to arrive November 14 and we will have before and after-school pick-up times available later that week. Dates will be announced soon and volunteers will be needed to help distribute items.
2. Spirit Wear update.
 - The online sale is currently going on and will end November 13th.

New Business and announcements:

1. Teacher request item
 - Librarian Mrs. Goodrich gave a presentation on the PebbleGo database, an interactive educational research website that is geared for K-2 students. PebbleGo is currently having a half-priced sale and the school was hoping to get a copy of the database this year. The purchase price will be \$599 and the cost for the annual subscription will be placed in the library's budget for next year.
 - Mrs. Perry said she would look at her budget to see if she has funds to help purchase this.
 - A motion was made to allocate up to \$300 in matching funds to purchase PebbleGo. The motion was seconded and accepted.
2. Holiday craft
 - Only one teacher has responded to the PTA's email regarding having a holiday craft for the entire school. Mrs. Perry mentioned a few teachers had inquired about the email and she said she had already given the PTA her approval of the event. We'll photocopy the email and place in teachers' mailboxes in hopes to get a better response.
 - Pre-K and K crafts will still take place in the classrooms, but there will also be grade-wide events for grades 1 – 4.

3. High School Parent Council – Question 10 of the Town Charter Amendment.
 - Shannon read the announcement written by the Hermon High School Parent Council encouraging voters to vote no on Question 10.
4. Election Day
 - Mrs. Perry wanted to assure the parents that the Sheriff's Office will be in the school November 8th to provide additional security for the school during the election. Students will have minimal access to that part of the school (the voting area) that day.
5. Schoolstore.com
 - Schoolstore.com is an online shopping mall that could be another potential fundraising opportunity, but it was decided to set up an Amazon Smile account for the school and use that instead. Cindy will look into setting up an account.

Drawing for CHOMPER

Congratulations to Claire L. (Mrs. Scripture) for winning the fundraiser mascot stuffed animal.

Drawing for monthly Box Tops prizes

Congratulations to the four Box Top monthly drawing winners (Family Fun Bowling Center passes): Addie T. (Mrs. Thompson), Bella T. (Mrs. Bailey) and Zach H. (Mrs. Johnson). Also, Dylan P. (Mrs. York) won a pass for two to the Emera Astronomy Center at the University of Maine.

Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM

Next general PTA meeting: December 6th, 2016