

PTA Meeting

September 27th, 2016

Hoover Elementary School/Cafeteria

Present: Cristina Battaglia (President), Ann Weryzen (Vice President), Nicole Giehll (Vice President), Carol Rossetti (Secretary) and Maria Stefanova (Treasurer)

Meeting Start Time: 7:01 pm

Minutes approved: Kirsten Bruder (1st) and Shannon Diven (2nd)

Correspondence: Carol Rossetti presented thank you cards from food bank (donation) and teachers (teachers' luncheon).

President - Cristina Battaglia had nothing to mention.

Vice President - Ann Werzyn talked about Council Meeting and how there is a Community Speaking Bureau. Parents can volunteer to speak to grades K through 12

Math Program - some adjustments. N. Giehll agreed. Classrooms at Hoover using new math materials.

A. Werzyn added volunteers needed to make Holiday Shop work. Sign up!

Sally John asked if Penguin Patch is confirmed vendor - C. Battaglia confirmed yes but PTA needs a chairperson for Holiday Shop for next year.

Vice President - Nicole Giehll said school year off to a great start. Meet and greet event was very successful. Transition to kindergarten went well - no tears. PBIS program at Hoover in place (voice levels/earn tickets). 5th grade safety patrols started. Fall Family night very successful. Reminders: volunteer policy - volunteers need clearances for field trips (good for 5 years) and affirmation form for classroom parties (good for 1 year). School cannot provide copies of clearances to parent volunteers.

Historian: C. Battaglia on behalf of Lori Unice - turn in blue folders

Committee Reports:

C. Battaglia on Audit. Dave Unico completed/copies provided. Looking for CPA to do audit next year.

C. Battaglia on behalf of Jessica Horgan - Fall Family night was under budget had great weather. Kirsten Bruder said ice cream was melted due to the fact that PTA could not use ice cream school cooler. C. Battaglia proposed asking Jessica to chair event next year but have a support committee (ex: some people to handle contracts) and increase budget. Kirsten Bruder said money should be used for educational purposes. C. Battaglia added that vendors' fees are increasing.

Carol Rossetti on School Pictures - weather was great, plenty of parent volunteers, make up

pictures and retakes on October 20th. TSS Photography did a great job. Kirsten Bruder added pictures should be available on TSS website in two weeks.

Kara Trant - Bake Sale - bake items need to be donated to her resident the Sunday/Monday before bake sale. Bake items should not be split up. Donation of plastic ziplock bags are needed too along with volunteers/kids to help sell items the day of the bake sale. C. Battaglia added \$300 raised last year. A. Werzyn said sugar free bake items should be provided.

C. Battaglia discussed old business. 5k race netted PTA \$3,000. Can't count on that sum every year though. Trying to find programs that would benefit the entire school.

C. Battaglia talked about movie Screenagers - recommended for parents and teenagers only.

C. Battaglia on behalf of Shannon Harpst - Apparel Sale is still going on.

C. Battaglia on read a thon - Pauli Green is chairing. Hoover vs Foster. Sending Google forms to account for reading minutes. Kirsten Bruder added this is a free fundraiser that has the potential to add a lot of money to PTA budget. C. Battaglia said Spooky Story Night will fall within the Read Athon timeline at school.

C. Battaglia discussed Kids Stuff coupon books can still be ordered and flyers sent out.

C. Battaglia said Reflections still needs a chairperson. Cultural reflections program is where students can enter poetry, sing and do art work pertaining to that year's theme. Maria Stefanova and Nandini Mandel will chair together.

C. Battaglia talked about doing a PTA Hoover Facebook page for informational purposes only. Not posting pictures of students.

C. Battaglia confirmed Melissa Harman doing Hoover Headlines.

C. Battaglia said Spring PTA budget was voted on and needs to be amended. Council dues went up. Additional fees using PayPal. Reserve fund for PTA available for committees who need additional funds. Will not spend unless PTA voted on it though. Hoover creating a \$1,500 reserve fund. Special Programs increased to \$863. Try to find programs that benefit entire school. Kirsten Bruder (1st) and Clarissa Yu (2nd motion).

N. Giehl added that air conditioning in elementary schools needs to be voted on by School Board and engineers are going to be visiting schools.

C. Battaglia talked about PTA directory and new software. Easy to print out directory from software. Jefferson School using same software. Information can be downloaded into Excel spreadsheets easily. Kristen Duskin-Gadd asked if font could be changed from last year. Names and email addresses were difficult to make out. Kirsten Bruder confirmed you can export information to directory format easily.

C. Battaglia mentioned classroom coordinators and volunteers are needed to help with holiday parties. A. Werzyn added 4th grade classes combine and so does 5th grade classes.

C. Battaglia said we are the last elementary school to provide food at classroom parties and food guidelines need to be followed.

Paulie Green added that cars are parked in the school go zone when school starts and its difficult to pull down and drop off kids. N. Giehl said it was reviewed at Kindergarten orientation.

PTA meeting adjourned at 8:20 pm

Thanks to Ann Werzyn for refreshments/dessert.