

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday September 21, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 8:59

Welcome by Mary Buddig and Co-President Terry Edwards to all present and to new HCHS families.

Secretary- May minutes were approved with one change noted. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website as last year for review. Members are asked to review and contact secretary by email with any changes. There will be a few paper copies of minutes at each meeting.

President – Mary Buddig and Terry Edwards:

-Terry noted that the description of the PTO committees were reviewed and changed on the PTO website.

-Thank you to Social Committee for the treats and refreshments provided.

Vice –Presidents- VP's worked extensively on the advertising for the directory. Total for advertising is \$15,000. Appreciation to the Hinsdale Chamber of Commerce and all who advertised this year.

Treasurer- Budget needed to be approved for this year. So far everything is in line. Income-Donations for Book Grants this year short at this time in comparison to last year. Dues and directory are also short from last year. Advertising dollars are up from last year. Income from the Barnes and Noble book event was \$1000. Expenses- We will incur a one time fee for the 5013c application. We have awarded 30 book grants for a total of \$24,000. There are still 3 unclaimed. Budget is balanced. Motion was made to approve budget and was accepted.

Character Counts- Pam Bylsma and Pam Kalafut are developing a Community Outreach program. They would like students and teachers to be involved. They are in the process of setting up guidelines for this.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Information needs to get to her by Sept, 25 for the next e-newsletter.

Directory- Second year of online ordering went smoothly. Discussion continued on how to streamline orders further. An online directory was discussed but student privacy is an issue. Student listings are going to print. We had 1200 orders. Directories will be sent by bulk mail by early October.

Families Helping Families- Joni thanks all who donated to her committee. Will continue to provide gift cards—for gas, food, Target etc. to Social Workers to pass on to needy families as needed. Already had one request for these. Committee now has 40 members.

Website- Joni requests all info sent to her in copy form and she will edit. She can also put photos on website.

Freshman Parent Parties- Parties were on September 11th. Guidance groups stopped by at each party. Guidance counselors were not at the parties this year. It was determined that their time would be spent instead at an evening Junior Planning night instead. Parents were encouraged to contact their counselors independently.

Holiday Breakfast- Tina Anderson will continue this year to organize the wonderful holiday breakfast for the teachers. The breakfast is at 6:45 am in the Community Room. on the last day before school break. The main food will continue to be catered but Tina did pass around a sheet looking for baked goods on that day. Email reminders will be sent out to the helpers and bakers.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido needs more volunteers to help provide the refreshments for the monthly meetings. Participants are reminded to turn in all receipts they may have to the treasurer for refund.

Parent Ambassadors- Mary Parsons will work with Guidance for suggestions on how committee should make first contact with new parents. There was a breakfast /coffee for foreign exchange students and their host families on a late start day. This was well received and attended.

Make A Difference- Taking nominations for HCHS staff that have made a difference thru Oct. 20th. Next committee meeting on Oct. 21st.

Parents Empowering Parents—Annette will be working with Nick Wahl on the schedule.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic is "Deciphering the College Process"

Reading Rocks- Karen Altergott and Karen Bush-Joseph meet with the HCHS librarians and keep us informed on the very busy HCHS library. In August Pam Bylsma worked with the Library to organize a network orientation program for the class of 2013. The library also welcomed all Freshman English classes for a 2 day orientation to the library and its services. On November 10th the Library is co hosting an acclaimed young adult author John Green to visit. Mr. Green's books will be available for purchase for a reduced price of \$5 through October. We also welcome new librarian Karen Riley.

Safety- Police are in full force at morning drop off encouraging parents to use correct procedures for drop off and pick up!

School Board- Right now the turf field project is on hold, but work should resume soon. The sports dome that was planned to cover the turf practice field will probably not happen. School board is looking more into the needs of Special Education.

Special Education: Sally talked about a recent speaker from LADSE who discussed transitioning to college. Planning a speaker in October to discuss assistive technology. Dates of meetings will be in the student directory.

Teacher Appreciation- Joanne thanked the PTO for the generous budget. Plans for the next two months are: to hand out apples to teachers in October and pies at the parent teacher conferences in November. Holiday Breakfast will cover December.

Volunteers- Kay Gallo needs volunteers for: PLAN testing, and the homecoming coat check in. Thanks all the volunteers at the Interview Skills presentation.

Class Reps- Still need a freshman class parent representative.

Middle School Representatives- Looking for someone to be the Westview Middle School Representative.

New Business- A huge thank you to Darla Highley and Carol Wroble who did an amazing job presenting the Interviewing Skills Workshop at the first senior homeroom. Bill Wolfick (sp?) did a presentation and Coleman Tuggle addressed good and bad interviews. Guidelines were also given to all the students including the seniors who had to miss the workshop because of their involvement with the Conflict resolution presentations to the freshman on that day.

Also the Guidance Dept. took the information about this workshop to their state meeting and won an award for it. Information will also be posted on the PTO website.

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday October 19, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 9:05

Welcome by Mary Buddig and Co-President Terry Edwards to all present and to new HCHS families.

Secretary- Motion made to approve September minutes made by Meg Cooper and seconded by Joni Holinger. Minutes were approved. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website for review. Members are asked to review and contact secretary by email with any changes. There will be a few paper copies of minutes at each meeting.

President – Mary Buddig and Terry Edwards:

- Moving forward with the 501 (c) (3) application. The executive board has signed a resolution and all the paperwork is on line for review. A vote will be taken at the November 16th meeting. The next step will be to file with the IRS.
- Continuing to work on the evening PTO meetings for the working parents. These meetings will be at 7:00pm and will last 1 hour. Hopefully one of the principals will be able to attend as well.
- Homecoming dance was well attended –approximately 2400 tickets sold. Looking for a new DJ for the next dances.

Treasurer- Financial report is posted on line.

Income-Directory income is reflected. Advertising dollars are incomplete but up from last year and should be about \$15,000 which is amazing.

Expenses- .We have awarded 30 book grants for a total of \$24,000 and all have been claimed. Directory printing was over by \$1000 due to increase in advertising and extra pages.

Character Counts- Planning the Inspire/Aspire breakfast and may request more funds than the \$500 that is budgeted. This will be revisited as the event gets closer.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Information needs to get to her by Oct. 26 for the next e-newsletter.

Directory- Second year of online ordering went smoothly. Donations online went well with over 300 families donating. Directories were sent by bulk mail October 7th and 8th. Extra copies of the directory are available.

Families Helping Families- Had first meeting on Oct. 7th and set up parameters. Two Social workers attended the meeting and thanked the committee for all they do. Future needs: 1) the social workers would like to provide full thanksgiving dinners for needy school families. 2) Families will need help with the Christmas holidays. Also the social work department is looking into getting a “late” bus for kids who need to stay after school for help, or activities. Also there are some students who need help with lunch money and purchasing text books. Information on where you can donate used textbooks is on our website.

Website- New tab on website to connect to other websites for social services. Suggested adding a “wish list” to website for all committees to use.

Freshman Parent Parties- Parties were on September 11th and were very well attended with about 45-60 people at each party. Representatives from Administration and Guidance stopped by at each party.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido continues to need more volunteers to help provide the refreshments for the monthly meetings. Participants are reminded to turn in all receipts to the treasurer for refund.

Parent Ambassadors- Mary Parsons stated that we have had one parent ambassador assigned so far this year. Lisa Stafford and Terry Edwards will host a breakfast /coffee for foreign exchange students and their host families on a late start day.

Interview Skills Workshop- Darla Highley and Carol Wroble are planning the workshop which is offered to Senior and Junior students on Nov. 15th from noon to 3pm. The Interviews will be limited to 60 students and senior students will have priority. The students will undergo practice interviews and post-interview evaluations. Pam Kalafut will explore video possibilities. Sign up is in the Guidance dept. Volunteer interviewers are needed. Please contact Darla or Carol.

Make A Difference- First meeting will be on Oct. 21st.

Parents Empowering Parents— Nancy Nyheim will now be working with Nick Wahl on the schedule.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today’s topic is “Path to Problem Solving at Hinsdale Central”

Publicity- Ann was able to get a photo in the Local Tribune of the PTO delivering apples to our teachers one morning.

Reading Rocks- Karen Altergott, Vicky Bush-Joseph and Jennifer Jerzyk meet with the HCHS librarians and keep us informed on the very busy HCHS library. . On November 10th the Library is co hosting an acclaimed young adult author John Green to visit. Mr. Green’s books will be available for purchase for a reduced price of \$5. Plan is to host another author, Jean Yang, a graphic novelist on December 7th. Need help in getting the author to Chicago and asking for donated airline miles to help with this.

Safety- Had first meeting. Stairwells are now being numbered to help during safety drills. Buses have been having discipline issues so cameras will be added to the buses. Pool doors now have a check in at the doors from 7:30 to 8:00 am before doors are locked. Front circle parking continues to be a problem. Tardiness on Late Start days is a problem, so incentives are now offered to increase timely attendance. May ask PTO for help with this. School is asking parents to consider alternative drop off and pick up sites.

School Board- Turf field project has resumed. School board has passed an Environmental Energy Policy and has hired a group to evaluate our energy usage.

Teacher Appreciation- Patty St.Cyr is working on the pies which will be given to the staff in November during the parent teacher conferences

Volunteers- Homecoming went very well—Turnabout dance is next!

Class Reps- Still need a freshman class parent representative.

Middle School Representatives- Looking for someone to be the Westview Middle School Representative.

New Business- A shout out to the Girls Volleyball team that went to a Humboldt Park school in Chicago to tutor and teach volleyball. Also Mary and Terry are meeting with the principals to discuss: special education, drinking policy, guidance, grading, teachers usage of the SharePoint, after school buses and technology that we have but are not using.

Meeting adjourned at 10:17 am

Respectively Submitted
Kathy Andrews, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday November 16, 2009

Meeting Called to Order at 9:01

Welcome by Mary Buddig to all present.

Secretary- Motion made to approve September minutes made by Carol Wroble and seconded by Joni Holinger. Minutes were approved. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website for review.

President – Mary Buddig:

- Moving forward with the 501 (c) (3) application. The executive board has signed a resolution and all the paperwork is on line for review.
- A motion was made by Meg Cooper to accept the Amendments to the Bylaws and was seconded by JoAnne Cascio. The motion was voted on and approved.
- A motion was made by JoAnne Cascio to accept the Articles of Incorporation and was seconded by Karen Fiascone. The motion was voted on and approved.
- A motion was made to accept the Conflict of Interest Policy Agreement by Meg Cooper and was seconded by Joni Holinger. The motion was voted on and approved.
- The next step will be to file with the IRS as soon as possible.
- An evening PTO meeting for the working parents will take place on December 8th. This meeting will be at 7:00pm and will last about 1 hour. Hopefully one of the principals will be able to attend as well.

Treasurer- Financial report is posted on line. Advertising income continues to come in. No major changes since last report.

Character Counts- All school assembly last month on Character went very well.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Next newsletter will go out the week after Thanksgiving.

Directory- Hopefully everyone received their order. Extra copies of the directory are available for \$7.00.

Families Helping Families- A very busy month. First, the social workers provided a list of nine families that they felt would be well served by the ability to have a Thanksgiving dinner together. A complete dinner will be provided for them through Dominick's and they were even able to choose their entrée. Thank you to Pam Dolci for all her hard work on this.

Secondly, we were asked to supply a printer for a family. This was accomplished along with the purchase of extra ink cartridges.

Third, there was a student in need of long overdue dental work and within 24 hours we had a reply from Jill Seybold who emailed that her husband, Harvey is a dentist and would see the child.

Finally the social work department was looking for a used computer for a student who does not have a computer at home to complete school papers. With a computer to use, they could put their work on a flash drive and print it out at school. Gina Frey and her daughter donated her college computer and we are sure the student will be thrilled to receive it.

Thank you to all of our generous committee members and others who have helped us out this month.

Freshman Parent Parties- We still need 2 chairs for next year.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido continues to oversee the refreshments for our meetings. Parent Ambassadors- Mary Parsons stated that there will be a breakfast for foreign exchange students and their host families on December 2nd. There will be a coffee for parents who have transfer students this year on the evening of Dec. 8th before the evening PTO meeting.

Holiday Breakfast- Everyone who has signed up to bring any food will be contacted by email. We are asking volunteers to be vigilant and work their assigned shift and area only. If you want to help out in any way contact Nicole Bokich or Tina Anderson.

Interview Skills Workshop- Darla Highley and Carol Wroble shared that the date of the workshop was changed due to the football banquet conflicts. The Interviews will be done on Sunday, January 24th at the same time. Limited to 60 students. The students will undergo practice interviews and post-interview evaluations. They will be taped with FLIP cameras and given feedback. Sign up is in the Guidance dept. Volunteer interviewers are needed. JoAnne Cascio will provide bottled water for the event. Please contact Darla or Carol with any questions. Interview information will be posted on the Guidance website.

Make A Difference- First quarter awards given to 6 staff members. Had over 50 nominations this quarter. Next meeting in January.

Parents Empowering Parents— Nancy Nyheim will continue working with Nick Wahl on the schedule.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic is "Homework, grading scales and extra credit"

Reading Rocks- On November 10th the Library hosted an acclaimed young adult author John Green which was terrific! Plan is to host another author, Jean Yang, a graphic novelist on December 7th. We are helping the library host this event by paying \$240 dollars for Mr. Yang's airfare.

School Board- Sets of parents took tours of both high schools to look at space usage. We have not had a District 86 referendum since 1969. Principal candidates were interviewed by parents this past weekend. We are now down to 2 candidates.

Special Education- Speaker Dr. Roger Stefani spoke last week about Executive Functioning. We may have him back during the second semester.

Teacher Appreciation- Pies which will be given to the staff on November 24th during the parent teacher conferences. Pies were purchased thru Quest. Mints and water will be handled by Mary Buddig.

Volunteers- May need help for teacher conferences.

Class Reps- Still need a freshman class parent representative.

Middle School Representatives-

CHMS- Having a food drive and taking donations. Book fair this Thursday.

SIJ- went on the Washington DC trip.

New Business- Girls Tennis team is collecting used and new racquets. Drop off is at Athletic Dept. or at Carol Wroble's house.

Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Andrews, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday January 25, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 8:55

Welcome by Mary Buddig to all present.

Secretary- Motion made to approve September minutes made by Laurita Panagoulas and seconded by Maria Pierce. Minutes were approved.

President – Mary Buddig:

- Thank you to the hospitality committee for the refreshments today.
- Barnes and noble Fundraiser at Christmas made \$141.00
- The glass display case in the hall way in front of the Community Room is available to the PTO committees to use.
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Treasurer- Financial report is posted on line. Year to date we are \$300 below budget but advertising income continues to come in. Committees have been good on budget.

Book Grant – Will review applications and probably stay at 30 grants. Continue to look for additional donations.

Character Counts- Continuing with the Community Cares Program. Aspire /Inspire nomination forms is online and are due in March.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Next newsletter will go out at beginning of February.

Directory- Hopefully everyone received their order. Extra copies of the directory are available for \$7.00. Collecting a few last checks.

Eighth Grade Coffee- May 6th. Working on Post card invitations to be ordered online which should be more economical. A flyer will go out to all feeder schools as well.

Families Helping Families-

Last month social work department was looking for a used computer for a student who does not have a computer at home to complete school papers. With a computer to use, they could put their work on a flash drive and print it out at school. Much thanks to Gina Frey who donated a used computer and to Kay Gallo who purged the computer and installed new software.

Prior to the winter break we were asked for more food, clothing and gas gift cards which we supplied. We also helped a student fund a band trip by paying the \$322 balance.

Thanks to Nicole Bokich and the ladies of the Adventist Church Ministry for providing 10 food baskets with gift cards to the Social Services dept. for needy families.

Thanks to Pushpa Soundararajan for supplying a family and the Social Service dept with printers.

Thank you to Darla Highly and other members for providing boots and warm clothing for families in need.

Thank you to all of our generous committee members and others who have helped us out this month.

Freshman Parent Parties- We still need 2 chairs for next year.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido continues to oversee the refreshments for our meetings. **Parent Ambassadors-** Mary Parsons stated that the breakfast for foreign exchange students and their host families on December 2nd went very well. The coffee for parents who have transfer students this year took place on the evening of Dec. 8th before the evening PTO meeting. It was a very snowy night so attendance was at a minimum.

Holiday Breakfast- Many thanks to Nicole Bokich and Tina Anderson for a fantastic morning which was very much appreciated by the teachers.

Interview Skills Workshop- Darla Highley and Carol Wroble shared that the date of the workshop was changed due to the football banquet conflicts. The Interviews Workshop took place on Sunday, January 24th. 70 students signed up and 59 attended. The students each underwent practice interviews and post-interview evaluations. Students observed a good interview and a bad interview. There was great collaboration with the Guidance dept. Still need to work on the technology of recording the interviews for each student. Please contact Darla or Carol with any questions. Interview information will be posted on the Guidance website.

Make A Difference- Second quarter awards given to 6 staff members, Pam Bylsma, Thomas Ludovic, Alan McCloud, John Melone, Julie VanNess, and Whitney Wilda.

Parents Empowering Parents— This committee is under transition and Mary will update at next meeting.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's speakers are Nick Wahl and Dennis Brennan from the District#86 School Board. There is a change in the agenda for next month. We will hear from the Library and Guidance will present in March.

Reading Rocks- Jean Yang, a graphic novelist was here on December 7th. We helped the library host this event by paying \$240 dollars for Mr. Yang's airfare. He was excellent. The librarians offered to come to the evening PTO meeting to do a presentation. It was suggested that this meeting take place in the library.

Librarians are discussing having a One School One Book Program.

Teacher Appreciation Week is in April and the library again will be hosting a breakfast for the teachers.

Mary Buddig will be talking to David Lange about the required reading list for the students next year.

Safety- There are now 2 after school buses—one for the north and one for the south. These will leave school at 4:15 allowing students to see teachers, go to club meetings and still be able to get home.

On late start days student can arrive as early as 9:00am but will be sent to cafeteria until 9:30am. After 9:30am all students can be in the hallways.

School Board- The School Board has hired a Public Relations firm, The master facility plan is going well. They are working on a 20 year plan. Financing is also in the agenda.

Special Education- Next meeting will be on College Choices for Students with Special Needs.

Volunteers- Have the volunteers for vision/hearing screening. Will need volunteers for the Turnabout dance on Feb. 20th. May also provide cookies for the students that night. New DJ for Turnabout this year!

Class Reps- Still need a freshman class parent representative.

Middle School Representatives-

HMS- At their last PTO meeting had high school parents come in to talk about preparing for high school

West view- Eighth Grade Trip to Washington in February. Students are meeting with HCHS counselors this week.

New Business- Autism walk is on April 18th.

Boys Soccer Program recognized for Academic Excellence.

SAT/ACT sign up going on.

Booster Brunch March 7th.

There is now a \$350 charge for Drivers Education.

Feb. 1st 7:00pm presentation on the College Athletic Selection Process

Pan Hellenic Meeting May 24th at the Community House at 7pm

Meeting adjourned at 10:13am

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Andrews, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday February 22, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00

Welcome by Mary Buddig to all present.

Secretary- Motion made to approve January minutes made by Laurita Panagoulis and seconded by Terry Edwards. Minutes were approved. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website for review.

President – Mary Buddig:

- SIT weekend went very well. Presentation on Cyber bullying was excellent.
- Turnabout Dance went very well and new DJ was a big success. Still have the issue of students choosing not to go to dance but go downtown for the evening.

Treasurer- Financial report is posted on line. No major changes since last report.

Character Counts- Aspire/ Inspire breakfast on April 14th in Cafeteria 7-7:45 am. Nomination forms are on the website and in the Guidance office. Nominations are due by March 26th. Will be asking the PTO for funds to help pay for the breakfast. Autism Walk coming in March as well.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Next newsletter will go out February 29th

Directory- Kay Gallo has agreed to co-chair this for the next year.

Eighth Grade Coffee—May 6th. Postcard invitations ordered online and the cost was around \$100 which will save us approximately \$900 in printing and mailing costs.

Families Helping Families- A generous member provided us with 5 winter coats to give to a mom in need. Our website received a substantial donation which is wonderful. We have provided more students with used but working computers. Thank you to all of our generous committee members and others who have helped us out this month.

Freshman Parent Parties- We have a new co-chair for next year—Desiree Sorini.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido continues to oversee the refreshments for our meetings. Parent Ambassadors- There will be a coffee for parents who have transfer students this year on the evening of March 3rd at 6:30 before the evening PTO meeting in the Community Room.

Make A Difference- Next quarter awards will be given out right before spring break on March 24th.

Parents Empowering Parents— Nancy Nyheim will continue working with Nick Wahl on the schedule—next speaker on March 10th at Hinsdale South.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic "The Library-It's Not Just Books Anymore" March 22nd - Technology, April 19th-Guidance Dept.

Publicity- Would like to do a story on Families Helping Families.

Reading Rocks- The librarians are working with the English Dept. on a One School/One Book project, with the concept of everyone—freshman thru seniors read one book and there will be book discussions, movies, and related reading.

School Board- Master Facility plan continues to make significant progress.

Teacher Appreciation- Last year in April we had a used Cookbook drive and we are considering a used CD/DVD drive. Also thinking about doing something for St. Patrick's Day.

Volunteers- May need help for Aspire/Inspire Breakfast

Website -need someone to take this over next year.

Class Reps- Still need a freshman class parent representative.

Middle School Representatives-

CHMS- March 10th Operation Snowflake taking place.

HMS-Book Fair coming. Musical in which 148 students performed was amazing.

New Business- Interim Principal Frank Kesman presented the PTO with a book with handwritten notes from each dept thanking the PTO for all that they do for the staff and the students of Hinsdale Central.

Meeting adjourned at 10:07 am

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Andrews, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday March 22, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 9:00

Welcome by Mary Buddig and Terry Edwards to all present.

Secretary- Motion made to approve February minutes made by Maria Pierce and seconded by Terry Edwards. Minutes were approved. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website for review.

Co-Presidents – Mary Buddig and Terry Edwards:

- An evening PTO meeting for the working parents took place on March 3 with attendance by 2 couples. We will review whether we need to continue with the evening meetings, perhaps market it differently as a Parent Forum.
- One question/concern from a parent at the evening PTO meeting was regarding plagiarism software. We were informed that the library has some form of this software.

Treasurer- Financial report is posted on line. We are very close to being on budget. Waiting for receipts from the Teacher Appreciation committee. We did notify Dollars for Scholars that we are discontinuing our relationship. Looking to finalize our 5013c filing.

Book Grant-Applications were out on March 3. Thank you to Joni Hollinger and Meg Cooper for getting this out on the website. New this year -we are asking students to attach their SAR report. This is the report a student receives after they fill out the FAFSA forms for financial aid in college. Deliberations are scheduled for 8:30am on April 29th.. The applications are blindly read. We are planning to award 30 grants.

Character Counts- Aspire/Inspire nomination forms are online. Breakfast scheduled for Wednesday April 14th. Autism Walk is on April 18th. Can sign up online through the Community House website.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter. Next newsletter will go out before spring break...

Directory- Will start work in late June with a September 4th deadline. Will prepare an informational sheet for the 8th grade coffee and for book week. Advertising will start after spring break.

Families Helping Families- A very busy month. First, we provided \$50 to cover breakfast and lunch expenses for some students. Secondly we had a student who is pregnant and in need of clothing. The social worker will be taking her to Target for this. We also have a terminally ill mother who is in need of legal help. A member's attorney husband has offered to do the work pro bono. A member brought in clothes from the

store LUCY where she works and these were distributed to those in need. Need a new chair for this committee for next year. And also a website chair.

Hospitality- Chair Staci Guido continues to oversee the refreshments for our meetings. Parent Ambassadors- Mary Parsons stated that there were no attendees at the coffee on the evening coffee on March 3. Looking for ideas to improve this.

Make A Difference- Third quarter nominations are due before break.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic is on Technology. Looking for suggestions for next year.

Reading Rocks- Library breakfast is scheduled for May 14th and help will be needed with this. Starting next year the library breakfast will be covered by the teacher appreciation committee...

School Board- Turf field work continues. The steering committee will be presenting to the School Board on April 26th on the building /facilities plan.

Teacher Appreciation- Will be collecting DVD's to give to teachers. New chair needed for next year.

Middle School Representatives- no reports

New Business- Our May Pan-Hellenic meeting has been changed from May 17th to May 24th.

Meeting adjourned at 10:01 am

Respectfully Submitted
Kathy Andrews, Secretary

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday April 19, 2010

Meeting Called to Order at 8:50am

Welcome by Mary Buddig to all present.

Secretary- Motion made to approve September minutes made by Joni Hollinger and seconded by Karen Krohn. Minutes were approved. Minutes will continue to be posted on the PTO website for review.

President – Maria Pierce Vice President, presiding

Treasurer-

- Received a donation of \$637.00 **from** District 181 Special Education Parent Network. The group has disbanded and has forwarded the money to us through Sally Parsons. - 5013c should be effective since late March –no official word of yet. All donations to the PTO are now fully deductible.
- We will wait again until September to do our budget since most fundraising is done over the summer.
- Will there be a summer book sale with Barnes and Noble again? Looking for someone to chair it.

Book Grant- Meeting will be on April 29th. Carol is looking for someone to shadow her this year and take over next year.

Character Counts- Autism walk had a huge turnout. Aspire and Inspire breakfast for 625 people. Pam Bylsma gave an incredible speech. Laurita will ask Pam for a copy of the speech to put on the website.

Communications- Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter.

Directory- Kay Gallo will kick off this committee. Handouts will be at the 8th grade coffee, posted online and at Book week. Maria is looking for help with Advertising for next year. Suggested she seek out a college intern for help this summer.

Families Helping Families- A busy month with more gift cards given out to social workers for students/families. Received a thank you note from a student for help in purchasing maternity clothes.

Freshman Parent Parties- We have 2 co-chairs who will have sign ups at the 8th grade coffee.

Holiday Breakfast- We have 2 new co-chairs Kathy Berkholtz and Lourdes Beard.

Hospitality- may need a new chair here.

Interview Skills Workshop- Unsure of the exact date next year but it must be on a Saturday.

Make A Difference- Jamie Maruska will be the new chair. There will be one more session before the quarter ends. Suggestions came for the teachers to know why they were nominated but there was a discussion about the importance of keeping the anonymity of the nominator.

Programming- Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's we will hear from Pat Hubener and the Guidance dept. response to the parent committee issues.

Plan to invite the middle school parents to these meetings through the middle school reps.

Pan Hellenic meeting will be on May 17th. Special meeting at Mary Buddig's on May 24th.

Publicity- Anne has arranged for Joni Hollinger to be interviewed regarding the Families Helping Families Committee. There will be 2 articles in the Doings regarding the Prom and the Post Prom. There are also blurbs going in regarding the Pan Hellenic meeting and the 8th grade coffee.

Reading Rocks- New chair for next year is Jennifer Jerzyk. On May 14th there will be the Teacher Appreciation breakfast and also Corey Doctorow author of **Little Brother** will be in the library as well. A book entitled **Acceptance** by David Marcus was donated by Vicky Bush –Joseph as a raffle prize for those staying for the Guidance meeting today.

The One Book One School Program will be taking place this fall. The book title will be chosen soon. This book is an optional read for staff, students and their families.

Safety- No news-same chair will continue next year.

Special Education- Sally Parsons will be stepping down and we are looking for someone to take her place. Next informational meeting is April 29th in the Community Room at 6:30pm. Members for the Districts 86, 53, 63 and 181 will be there. Need current high school parents to come to this meeting

8th Grade Coffee- Everything is in place for May 6th and 9am in the Cafeteria Annex.

Teacher Appreciation- Maria Kallas and JoAnne Cascio are looking for volunteers.

Volunteers- Contact Kay Gallo if you need help at PTO events.

Middle School Representatives-

Westview rep-Lauren Harvey reports they are getting a new principal and she is working on better parent communication.

Looking for Avery Coonley, Gower and HMS reps.

New Business-

-- May 6th Prospect School is honoring 3 retiring teachers.

-- Last PTO Event is the Pan Hellenic Meeting May 17th at the Community House at 7pm.

-- April 24th – Live at 25 Defensive Driving Course at the Community House 8am - 12:30pm for young adults ages 15 -21.

-- Thank you to Pam Kalafut for the Aspire and Inspire Breakfast

Meeting adjourned at 10:15 am

Respectfully Submitted

Kathy Andrews, Secretary