

HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING – OCTOBER 15, 2007

Called to Order at 8:50 by Lisa Stafford.

President – Lisa thanked everyone for coming to the meeting. New Member Rajda Cushman was introduced. Sandi Arenberg and Darla Highley received the PAT award.

Lisa also asked that we let the teachers know that they are appreciated. In addition, she let everyone know about PEP (Parents' Empowering Parents) will be in the Community Room on October 18 for speaker Char Wenc. She will be discussing "Are we having fun yet? Next Lisa introduced Brittany Talamonti and Kevin Quick. They talked about Teachers In Need and asked for \$1000 and the front cover of the directory.

Secretary- The September minutes were approved. Mary Buddig spoke about Teachers In Need as well as the Focus Group with Nick Wahl.

Treasurer – \$15,533.45 is the total income. Expenses totaled \$9,343.71. Balance of funds is \$68,502.12. Directory advertising covered 70% of the printing cost.

Vice President/ Communication – Verified if everyone was getting their email communications. Website will facilitate communication. Darla needs help on the PTO website and was going to ask Kay Gallo. Letterhead for our stationery may get a new look. Email Dr. Carlson if you're interested in helping with technology.

Directory – Clarendon Hills' residence had not received directories. The committee was looking into this.

Teacher Appreciation – Joanne Cascio announced SSS (Students Staff Spirit) this is a teacher appreciation award generated by students.

Freshman Parent Circles – Sandi Arenberg encouraged people to go to the parties and represent the PTO.

Holiday Breakfast – Sign-up was being passed around.

School Board Liaison: Sue Pircon was not present but Mary Buddig read her report. Final bids were due the night of October 15th. If the bids come in higher, the board will discuss the option of filling in the shortfall. Let everyone know about the surveys that will be going out to the community and the importance of filling them out and getting them back to the administration. Class Rank meeting will be in the little theater at Hinsdale South on October 22. The Teachers Association would like to be a part of the Parent Teacher Organization. Finally, we would like to become more cohesive with South. They do not have a PTO, but they do have a boosters which is like our PTO

Book Grant – Carol Wroble announced that book grant was ahead of budget; 19 book grants all but 4 have been awarded; Four thank you; ahead of donations \$8260. Need to analyze is the yellow page in the directory actually brings in money to the Book Grant committee. Committee looks at all requests in a case by case manner; the Book Grant committee is surveying guidance. Guidance is the most effective way to determine which students are in need. Carol also spoke about the guidance department; there are internal reviews being done as well as an external comparison: 4 to 8 comparable schools are being looked at by counselors, parents and

students. They are collecting data. The review committee along with Kevin will look at everything and make some recommendations to improve the guidance department. New guidance chair will then be recruited. Teri Edwards questioned whether guidance should look at some other schools than those scheduled.

Newsletter – Deadlines were discussed. In addition, it was determined that we would still have our page in the newsletter even though a PTO website is being constructed.

Social – Nothing to report until the spring. The date for 8th grade coffee is May 8, 2008. Barb Bencur and Kristen Klebenow were added to the committee.

Character Counts- Laurita Panagoulas reported that we will be highlighted by California's Main Organization.

Safety and By-laws - Janet Perry reported that speed bumps were being installed in the teachers' parking lot; security cameras were in place; Procedures for security were in a District manual; better communication will help with safety in our school.

All American Read Week – October 17th Periods 7, 9, 10

Make A Difference – Marcy Innocenti reported that nominations were due October 23rd; they would be chosen on October 24th. The awards would be given on October 25th.

Publicity – No report; Will put information in about Character Counts National award.

PEP – Parents Empowering Parents – Annette McClain could not be at the meeting. The speaker for October 18 is Char Wenc. This meeting will also be in the Community Room at 6:30.

Volunteers - 14 people volunteered to read the PLAN test; 29 volunteered for Homecoming Dance. There are 163 volunteers available for different things.

Class Representatives- juniors sold foam fingers; junior girls won the powder puff football game.

Middle School Representative: No reports

New Business: Voting on TIN proposal in November

Meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

Have a good day,
Mary Buddig, Secretary