

## HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday September 20, 2010

### **Meeting Called to Order at 8:45 am**

Welcome by Mary Buddig and Terry Edwards to all present.

**Secretary-** Motion made to approve April 2010 minutes made by Mary Buddig and seconded by Carol Wroble. Minutes were approved.

### **President – Mary Buddig:**

- 501 (c) (3) status has been confirmed.
- All committees are being briefly reviewed today as this is the first meeting of the year.

**Treasurer-** 501(3)(c) status official as of Jan 1, 2010. Registration sent to the office of Attorney General and was accepted. Budget is posted on the website. Budget is comparable to last year. Current income is down but money is still coming in form the directory sales and advertising. Book grant donations are down this year.

Motion made by Mary Buddig to approve budget for the 2010-2011 school year. Seconded by Terry Edwards. Budget approved.

**Ambassadors –** Mary Parsons heads this committee which welcomes new families to the area. So far 2 events held to date-one the first day of school and one today prior to the PTO meeting.

**Book Grant-** This committee awards grants by need to seniors for college. Applications are reviewed by the committee with the student name deleted. Grants are \$800.

**Character Counts-** Committee recognizes those who represent the pillars of character within the school. It is open too all students top join. Events include the Autism walk, Central Cares subcommittee, and the Aspire/Inspire breakfast in the spring.

**Communications-** Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter which goes out monthly.

**Directory-** Plan is for the next year to streamline the ordering process of the directory. Advertising going well and should be tied up soon. Please support our advertisers!

**8<sup>th</sup> grade coffee-** Informational coffee held for current 8<sup>th</sup> grade parents in the spring.

**Freshman parties –** Six social gatherings took place on the evening of September 17<sup>th</sup> providing information for parents of freshman. Alternate party for those unable to attend is on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Lisa Stafford.

**Families Helping Families-** The 4<sup>th</sup> year for this committee started early as they were contacted by the social workers to provide backpacks, calculators and school clothing for needy students. 40 back packs, 11 calculators and gift cards were provided but more were

needed. Two new co-chairs are in place-thank you to Julie Glazko and Judy Mulvenna for stepping forward to help. Melissa Jensen has asked to coordinate student clubs to help here at Central to support their activities of FHF.

At the end of last year lunches were provided for students as well as some prom attire for those in need. There are some exciting new possibilities for this group which have not been confirmed yet but hopefully will be able to be shared at the next meeting.

**Hospitality-** Chair Staci Guido and her committee continue to oversee the refreshments for our meetings.

**Holiday Breakfast-** A wonderful holiday event held each year for the staff. The breakfast is catered and volunteers can work that morning or offer to bake for the event. Contact Tina Anderson if you would like to help.

**Interview Skills Workshop-** This is a mock interview workshop primarily for junior students which is scheduled to take place in January.

**Make A Difference-** Awards are given to 6 staff members each quarter that make a difference in some one's life. Nomination forms are on the website.

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

**Publicity-** Information on what is happening with the PTO is sent to local papers to make community aware of what we are up to.

**Programming-** Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic – a review of the proposed building plans with Nick Wahl followed by tours of the school.

**Reading Rocks-** this committee works with the library to set up different programs. This year we have the "One School, One book" program with the choice of the book "Purple Heart"

**Safety and Discipline-** Lori Samaras is the parent representative to this committee that deals with safety concerns along with the deans, police and grounds departments

**School Board-** Sue Pircon represents the PTO at the District 86 school board meetings and keeps the PTO informed of important issues such as elections which will be taking place this year.

**Special Education-** Sally Parsons will be networking with parents of children with special needs. Monthly meeting will be taking place on a Wednesday evening in the Community Room.

**Teacher Appreciation-** This committee will be working on ways to recognize our teachers and show our appreciation.

**Volunteers-** Debby Heidler coordinates volunteers that may be needed for school events. Homecoming coat check help email will be going out soon!

**Website:** Asking all executive board members and committees to review the website for any changes and or suggestions. Madhu Ramani will be helping with the website as they move forward.

**Class Reps-** We have a parent representative for each class. They will be reporting to the PTO as needed.

**Middle School Representatives-** We are happy to say we have a representative for each feeder school who will be sharing information to the middle schools on high school happenings as well as making us aware of the middle school happenings.

**New Business-** If you have volunteered to help with one of the PTO committees you should be hearing from the committee heads soon.

- Homecoming is open to all students-- not just those with dates.

-Pep rally theme this year "One Goal, One School United"

**Meeting adjourned at 10:05 am**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Kathy Andrews, Secretary**

## HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday October 16, 2010

### **Meeting Called to Order at 8:58 am**

Welcome by Terry Edwards to all present.

**Secretary-** Motion made to approve September 2010 minutes made by Maria Pierce and seconded by Terry Edwards. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer- Current** income is over budget due directory advertising.

- Please note the addition of funds to the budget. Pam Kalafut as Teachers in Need Sponsor deposited \$14,538 in our 501c3 account to hold for future needs.

-For the 501c3 we need to file a 990 tax form. We are looking for a parent familiar with this process to review our filing.

**Advertising-** Huge thank you to all of the advertisers this year. Collected \$15,000 so far in advertising. Total should be \$18,000 after all is collected. Looking forward would like to have a committee working on this for next year. The plan is to revamp the directory planning process so it will begin and end earlier. Please contact Maria Pierce if interested in helping with this next year.

**Ambassadors** – Mary Parsons heads this committee which welcomes new families to the area. On October 19<sup>th</sup> there will be an evening event for exchange students and their hosts.

**Book Grant-** Thanks given to the advertising committee for their tireless work in acquiring funds to aid with the book grants for next year. Still have 1 unclaimed book grant which we are following up on.

**Character Counts-** Planning to work with Joni Hollinger and the Families Helping Families committee in aiding HCHS families. Asking for \$500 to be added to the budget for the Aspire/Inspire breakfast in the spring. Instructed to submit a more detailed request to be considered at the next meeting.

**Communications-** Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter which goes out monthly.

**Directory-** Plan is for the next year to streamline the ordering process of the directory. Delay this year is due to health issues of our printer. Please support our advertisers!

**Freshman parties** – Six social gatherings took place on the evening of September 17<sup>th</sup> providing information for parents of freshman. Alternate party for those unable to attend on that date was on Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> at the home of Lisa Stafford and was very well attended. Requests for counselors to be back at the parties.

**Families Helping Families-** Invited to the Character Counts meeting and had a very positive meeting with much support. First FHF committee meeting will be at Joni Hollinger's house. Groundbreaking proposal to be voted upon and presented to the PTO soon.

**Hospitality-** Chair Staci Guido shared that if her committee submits all their receipts they will slightly over \$40 per meeting and will be over budget. They were encouraged to submit all of their receipts for reimbursement.

**Holiday Breakfast-** First meeting will be tomorrow morning. Contact Tina Anderson if you would like to help.

**Interview Skills Workshop-** This is a mock interview workshop primarily for junior students which is scheduled to take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Changing the format. Guidance will not be there this year. There will be 7-8 interviewers and 16 people for feedback. We are looking for helpers in both areas as well as others to help with traffic control. Lunch will be provided so donations would be appreciated. Students can sign up for this on Naviance.

**Make A Difference-** Deadline is Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> for nominations this quarter.

**Parents Empowering Parents—** Laurie Richter, author of "Put Me In, Coach" will be doing a presentation for parents on college athletic recruiting. Presentation will take place in the Community Room at 7pm on November 3

**Programming-** Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today's topic – "Hot Button Curriculum Issues"

**Safety and Discipline-** There is now a safety monitor in the bus lane on Grant Street. There are now 78 security cameras in and around the school. Thefts are down this year. Please remind kids to LOCK things up. Also recommend that every student register their I Pods online. Apple also offers free engraving if ordered online,

**Teacher Appreciation-** This committee will be working on ways to recognize our teachers and show our appreciation. On Oct. 8<sup>th</sup>, 350 apples were donated and handed out to the teachers in the morning beginning at 6:15 am. Planning to hand out Pumpkin pies at the half day before Thanksgiving.

**Volunteers-** Homecoming coat check went very well. Maureen Grace does a fantastic job.

**Website:** Asking all executive board members and committees to review the website for any changes and or suggestions. Also please pass on photos if you have them.

#### **New Business**

- Congratulations to Coach Pat Richards for being named Coach of the Year.

- Freshman play was fantastic!
- Congratulations to Campbell Holinger named Student of the month in his EMT program.
- Boosters Fundraiser on Feb12th. Second City will be here for 2 shows at 6pm and 8pm. Tickets are \$25 for students for staff and students. \$45 for parents.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Kathy Andrews, Secretary**

## **HINSDALE CENTRAL PTO MEETING—Monday November 15, 2010**

### **Meeting Called to Order at 9:00 am**

Welcome by Mary Buddig to all present.

**Secretary-** Motion made to approve October 2010 minutes made by Laurita Panagoulas and seconded by Maria Pierce. Minutes were approved.

**Treasurer-** Filing of 990 tax forms—the 990 EZ and the AG990-IL were completed and mailed on 11-8-10

- Financial report posted. Again please note the addition of funds --\$14,538-- from Teachers in Need. We are holding these funds for them.

**Ambassadors** – Mary Parsons states that on October 19<sup>th</sup> there was an evening coffee for exchange students and their hosts. Three families attended.

**Character Counts-** This committee is collaborating with the Families Helping Families committee and Teachers in Need in aiding HCHS teachers and families. Looking for suggestions for the speaker for the Aspire/Inspire breakfast in the spring. Autism walk scheduled for April. Committee is open for any HCHS student to join.

**Communications-** Meg Cooper will continue to produce the online newsletter which goes out monthly. Next newsletter to go out after Thanksgiving.

**Directory-** Received payments from Advertising at \$17,000. If you did not receive a directory please contact Kay Gallo. Directories are \$8.00 per copy if you are a PTO member and \$25.00 if you are not a current member.

**Hospitality-** As always thank you for providing the coffee and wonderful treats today.

**Holiday Breakfast-** Scheduled for the morning of Thursday December 16<sup>th</sup>. Volunteers needed to provide juice and provide home baked goods. Contact Tina Anderson if able to help.

**Interview Skills Workshop-** Looking for volunteers for the third year of this mock interview workshop primarily for junior students which is scheduled to take place on January 30<sup>th</sup>. Students will be interviewed, filmed and take a copy of the interview home in a disc or flash drive. We are looking for interviewers as well as others to help with traffic control. Lunch will be provided so donations would be appreciated. Students can sign up for this workshop on Naviance or in the Guidance office.

**Make A Difference-** First quarter award winners were announced and certificates presented. Fifty nomination forms were filled out this quarter. A great article about the Make a Difference committee was posted on Patch.com.

**Parents Empowering Parents**— Laurie Richter, author of “Put Me In, Coach” did a presentation for parents on college athletic recruiting on November 3. The Guidance and the Athletic Depts. will be communicating more on this topic.

**Programming-** Elaine Moore and Karen Fiascone schedule the presentations that follow each monthly PTO meetings. Today’s topic is on Elective Classes. In January we will hear from the Social Work dept.

**Publicity-** Ann Pitcher helped coordinate the press on the Make a Difference committee on Patch.com. Julie Kallas, a HCHS alumnus, is a reporter there.

**Reading Rocks-** Discussions on the “One School, One Book” book choice, **Purple Heart** took place with activities on Nov. 1<sup>st</sup> and Nov. 9<sup>th</sup>. Speaker Eric Greiton, former US Navy Seal was present at Character Counts Assembly to speak on “Leading with Strength and Compassion through Adverse Circumstances”.

- Next book choice is **The Book Thief**.

**Special Education-** Last meeting went very well with about 7 parents in attendance. The 10<sup>th</sup> annual Post-Secondary fair is taking place at the Holiday Inn in Countryside on Joliet Road on Thursday November 18<sup>th</sup>.

**Teacher Appreciation-** This committee continues to work on ways to recognize our teachers and show our appreciation. On November 24th, pumpkin pies will be handed to the staff on this half day before Thanksgiving. Could use volunteers to help assemble the Christmas gifts to be given at the Holiday breakfast.

**Volunteers-** Help needed for the Holiday breakfast and with the Interview Skills Workshop.

**Website:** Asking all executive board members and committees to review the website for any changes and or suggestions. Also please pass on photos if you have them.

#### **New Business**

- Eighth grade family night is on January 12<sup>th</sup>.
- Boosters Fundraiser is on Feb12th. Second City will be here for 2 shows at 6pm and 8pm. Tickets are \$25 for staff and students. \$45 for parents. This event is replacing the Brunch. Raffle tickets are being sold for senior parking lot spaces and reserved seats for graduation
- Email blasts from the principal are terrific and have been well received.
- PTO provided beverages for the Hospitality Room on Parent Participation Day.
- Congratulations to the Girls Swimming team as they head to state and the Cross country team on a great weekend.
- Congratulations to Grace Walsh and Julia Quintero on winning the National Teachers Writing Award.
- Jazz ensemble November 18<sup>th</sup>
- Cinderella’s closet on Nov. 8<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>

- District 181 will be showing the documentary "Race to Nowhere". This is a movie about the extra stress and expectations on students from high pressure high schools. There will be 3 showings. Details to follow.
- Skip Begley approached the PTO with information for parents about "McLocate", a driving tracking device that is attached to your car and works with Google. This driving device is approved by the Driver's Education Dept. and is about \$600. Contact Skip Begley for more information.
- An anti-bullying program will be presented throughout District 86 schools for students and teachers.
- Special Olympics Basketball game today at 4:30pm
- Thank you to our directory cover advertisers:  
Academy of Music in Westmont, Hinsdale Bank and Pain Specialists.
- Thank you also to a few of our other advertisers:  
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**Meeting adjourned at 10:00 am**

**Respectfully Submitted**  
**Kathy Andrews, Secretary**