

Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, April 6, 2015

6:00 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m by Jennifer Jaffe.

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Erin Casey, Rachel Chaltraw, Pam Jeruski, Sarah Burke.

Secretary's Report: Sarah Jane Deibel reported:

- Thank you notes from the Hemmeter staff were left for the HPTC.
- March meeting minutes were submitted and approved as written.

Financial Report: Jenny Boelter reported:

- Updated financial report was shared.
- Incoming: Fun Fair, including sponsors: \$9281 (only remaining bill is for custodian).
Restaurant Fundraisers: G's Pizzeria: \$175, Papa Johns (Jan/Feb) \$236.08. Kroger \$228.
Received a donation from Mahar Tool for Camp Hemmeter Assembly.
- Outgoing: Funfair supplies, mini-SPARK events, medals for Hemmeter Idol, Destination Imagination State fees, Math Week reward. Field trips: K –Papa Johns; 1: Temple theater, K/2/3 Temple Theater. Surplus funds paid for library shelves and classroom amplification systems (just recently arrived and setting up in classrooms).
- Budget has received a little over expected income and expenses look right on target; we anticipate a slight overage at end of year. Mr. Bailey and Mrs. Rummler to look at needs for school and let us know if any big expenses are anticipated for next year. Board will meet in April to set budget, May to set calendar for next year.

Faculty Report: Jill Rummler reported:

- *Kindergarten:* Annual egg drop is this week. K/2/3 have a field trip to the Temple theater later this month to see [Charlotte's Web](#).
- *First Grade:* Mrs. Senkowski reported parents came in for a writing celebration. The boys and girls shared a poem and "how-to" piece they have been working on.
- *Second Grade:* Starting life cycle unit with chicks to hatch. Enjoyed having parents attend the ABCs of Saginaw night. It was rescheduled due to weather, and were able to save most of the food donations. Community donations included: Leaman's donuts; Mary's cookies; bread from Jack's, Hemmeter Jam, Spatz bread and cookies. Next week, on the 13th, will have last SPARK day by Chippewa Nature center.
- *Third Grade:* Starting Animal research for Dr. Doolittle night. Students are working on a nonfiction writing unit and Genius Hour. Teachers have intruded a Genius Hour activity to their class.
- *Fourth Grade:* Electricity unit: Consumers Energy is coming in for two weeks to do instruction; teachers will receive \$100 grant if all families participate in survey.

- *Fifth Grade*: Having lots of practices for the Lion King musical, to be held on 4/14. MSTEP testing starts the week of April 11th.
- All teachers say *thank you* for the amplification systems. They are looking forward to using them in the classrooms.

Principal's Report: Jim Bailey reported:

- *Surplus Funds Spending*: ChromeBooks are getting set up and everything else purchased is being set up and used. We have one set of iPads (a couple in each classroom, used daily by all grades); 2 sets of ChromeBooks that classrooms take turns with
- MSTEP *testing* begins next week with a two week window for each grade, beginning with 5th grade, then 4th grade, then 3rd, with make-ups at the end. Checking equipment now to be ready. MSTEP is adaptive like the NWEA: Next problem is determined by the previous answer. Our school does not do practice days, but teachers coach the kids to do their best since it impacts the school. We keep it a non-stressful atmosphere, believing that is best for the kids and that will help the results. This was a discussion in the last staff meeting. Rachel Chaltraw asked how the tests are proctored. Mr. Bailey: there is a clear script of instructions. New improvements this year are a shorter test and ability for teachers to stop a section for the day and come back tomorrow. Last year the testing was too long.
- *School Survey*: Thanks to the families that completed the survey. We listen to what people are saying and are able to use many good ideas. There are three types of critiques: true, but we can't change (auditorium would be nice); one person's opinion (is this something we need to consider, or just one opinion); and legitimately good ideas (could we make this happen?). Suggestions like adding a salad bar and finding a fair way to fill Kids Run the Nation (If there is limited space have a 24-hour window to sign up and lottery for finalists). KRTN: Last year the umbrella group was making big leadership changes that affected all of the groups under it. Maybe do Girls on the Run program, or promote other running clubs besides KRTN.
- *Survey results* are overwhelmingly positive. Every question had at least 90% positive response (agree or strongly agree). For the open question of what is best about the school, most said the people: involved parents, appreciative parents, great teachers and staff. *Jen Jaffe*: Thank you, Jim, for your leadership, and staff for all you do to make the school great.

Fun Fair: Pam Jeruski:

We want to change the date to fall. Pam will talk to Becky about when to start for fall 2016; probably hold a brainstorming meeting before the end of school. *Choosing a date for Fun Fair*: Probably Saturday, Nov 5. Rachel Chaltraw will email Jen Jaffe the date for Homecoming.

Book Fair: Erin Casey:

- Scholastic theme is Peace, Love, and Reading. Will be held in the gym. Last year's picture thing looked cool but it was expensive. Do we want separate look (Monday) and buy (Tuesday) days? YES. Hours: Erin will stay late on two days, and close at 3:00 on two to allow her to pick up daughter. Erin will be the one to close up each day. Open at 7:15 – stay till 3:30 for two days. Close at 3:00 two days. Close early on Wednesday as the ice cream social is that night.

- Jaime Huffman is planning the sundae night with Jill Rummler to help. Planning to do Ice Cream 5-7 pm and charge \$1/bowl; no advance orders. Intend ice cream fees to pay for expenses (not raise money) and allow people to socialize/shop.
- Rachel Chaltraw will set up a table to sell extra hornet gear from school store.
- Erin will do sign-up genius asking for help before and after school, and for ice cream night. Check with Jaime to see if she already has volunteers.

Jen Jaffe: remaining business:

- Thank you to Tracy for setting up for restaurant fundraisers. They are a good variety and all seem to be well-attended.
- School Directory used to be a gift to HPTC paying members, but now all parents are members and receive it for free. We had a parent do a great job for many years. This year it was handed off and approached a new way. We tried a new format with online submissions, but it took a while to get done. We discussed if it is still necessary (yes) and if it could be an online source (maybe). Sarah Burke will look into digital options.

- Election of Board Members for 2016-2018:

Jen Jaffe proposed the following board for the next term, with Sarah Jane Deibel seconding:

Jennifer Jaffe - President; Jaime Huffman - Vice President; Jenny Boelter – treasurer; Sarah Burke – secretary.

Passed unanimously.

- BLOCK awards: nominations are closed. Jen Jaffe asked HPTC for \$100 to donate an auction basket, and it was approved. Jill Rummler will take care of the basket, with Laura Bailey to assist.

New Business:

- Rachel Chaltraw suggested making an effort to get Heritage students coming back as volunteers at Hemmeter. Could we ask for 50 Heritage kids to help at Fun Fair? Maybe we could advertise at the High School and ask through Student Council. Jill Rummler said her daughter was able to get a group from Heritage to come this last time. As we move forward try to maintain the connection between Heritage and Hemmeter.
- Sarah Burke – Teacher appreciation luncheon. Can she have more money? Would like to do gifts for the teachers: Gift cards for each? Table of donated prizes? Gift baskets with a couple of winners? Hemmeter apparel? Massages? The luncheon is the main thing, and gifts are a bonus.
- Deb Dudewicz – wants a SPARK date to book someone for next year. April 28, 2017.

Meeting adjourned at 7:22 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, May 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the staff lounge