

## **Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council**

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, September 17, 2014

6:00 p.m.

Ms. Lewis' room

Meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m by Jennifer Jaffe.

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Becky Mosher, Josh Mosher, Karrie Baskins, Talia Brown, Andrea Premo, Craig Champagne, Adrienne Champagne, Saeed Kazemi, Jenna Whiteherse, Erin Casey, Jenesa Niswonger, Ted Christian III, Tara Fox, Danielle Ridley, Abby Day, Amanda Wolverton, Jason Wolverton, Shams Tabrej, Emily Deibel, Stacey Rutherford.

Secretary's Report: Sarah Jane Deibel reported:

- Thank you notes from the Hemmeter staff were left for the HPTC.
- May meeting minutes were submitted and accepted.

Financial Report: Jenny Boelter reported:

- Updated financial report was shared.
- We made \$236 with the Papa John's fundraiser (15% of sales) plus a few late submissions to be included next month

Vice Presidents Report: Jaime Huffman reported:

- Volunteer forms are due soon and then she will notify appropriate people on 22nd regarding committee assignments.
- Teachers requested a list of all parents who were willing to help and they will contact volunteers as needed. This is instead of having certain "Room Parents."
- Kelli Stricker is looking for a volunteer to shadow her this year in preparation to take over her job next year. She solicits donations for the fun fair auction.
- Daryl Gotham is working with Saginaw Goodrich Quality Theater 10 on a fundraiser for the school. Theater will donate 50% of concession sales (NOT admission) during our assigned time. Planned for September 29, our next Professional Development day. See HPTC Facebook page for more info
- Buffalo Wild Wings, Bennigans, Chuck E. Cheese will be additional fundraisers.
- We will try a Family Taco Night instead of pancakes or hot dogs. This will be held in conjunction with Book Fair and be a social event.
- Mr. Bailey commented that we offer a variety of fundraisers so that families can participate in the ways they prefer.
- Jaime Huffman is looking for a volunteer to be in charge of changing the display case using school supplies.

Committee Reports:

- Homecoming Float (Jennifer Jaffe for Carolyn Leuenberger): Homecoming Parade is Friday, October 3. Float building meetings held Saturdays, 2-4pm, at Leuenberger home - see details on Facebook page.

- Box Tops for Education - \$2,128 earned last year
- Fall Book Fair (Erin Casey) - Erin is attending a scholastic workshop to get ideas for promoting the book fair and wondered if HPTC wants her to do a theme or add incentives. Erin will consult with Jeanne about her past experience and make a proposal of what she would like to do. Erin needs to commit dates for the book fair and is looking for volunteers.
- Fun Fair (Becky & Josh Mosher): Fun Fair is a big fundraiser for the school, with games in each classroom and an auction in the gym. By breaking the work into a lot of pieces, many people can help in smaller chunks of time, both in the planning and at the event. Volunteers can work 2-3 hour shift at fun fair, set-up (a crew works all day Friday, including kids in 2nd grade+), clean up, or volunteer to run a more complex game. Committee usually meets in November, January, and February. Jim Bailey & Jennifer Jaffe to decide on the date.
- SCRIP (Emily Deibel): Eliminated a bunch of lightly requested local vendors in order to reduce time investment and focus on the big money makers. Order sheets are on half-sheets and go home every two weeks to youngest/only students. Parents can sign-up on-line to order SCRIP. Soon there will be a K-1 drawing for a \$25 gas card, based on orders over 6-8 weeks. Sarah Jane Deibel added that ordering online eliminates writing a check, and allows you to reload a gift card you already have and use often (like for gas/groceries). MyScripWallet lets you buy scrip on your phone and use it right away at the checkout.
- Used Book Fair (Jennifer Jaffe) - Will be held Thursday & Friday October 23-24, chaired by Amy Denay. Proceeds will help purchase new books for the library. Please donate gently used children's books, by sending them to school with your child or delivering to the box outside the library.
- Clubs run at different times of the year. Some grades were not offered a chance to sign up for Kids Run the Nation due to filling with pre-registration. Watching folders is the best way to know about club sign-ups.

Faculty Report: Jill Rummler provided refreshments but was excused from the meeting to attend her daughter's curriculum night. Jennifer Jaffe reported on Jill's behalf that the classes are getting used to procedures and routines so there isn't much to report yet.

Principal's Report: Jim Bailey reported:

- Welcome to new board - trying some new ideas for efficiency, like google calendar of HPTC fundraisers.
- Thank you to Carolynn Leuenberger for heading up the Hemmeter float again (building Sat 13, 20, 27 at 2pm); Paul Duvendack and Michelle Kalkman leading Lego Robotics (5th graders/competition); and Jamie Huffman doing Running Club (now has 118 kids participating out of 388 - had to limit numbers!).
- He & LuAnn Bugbee have set up two Michigan Authors to visit the school this year:
- Aaron Zenz, author of "The Hiccupotamus," will do sessions for k-1, 2-3, 4-5, and one for parents. He promotes using art with reading and has a website his kids put together. Parent session will be on October 8 (wed) at 1:30 on getting kids excited about reading.

- Matt Faulkner, author of “Gaijin: American Prisoner of War” impressed Mr. Bailey with the great artwork in this graphic novel which makes it unlike your normal graphic novel. He will present on Friday April 10 for K-2 and 3-5 grades.

Jim Bailey attended a Reading-Writing workshop. Reading is a school-wide priority. If kids are good at reading, they will excel at the rest of the areas of education.

- He is doing a parent book club on Jim Trelease’s “The Read-Aloud Handbook” to be held Thursday, September 25, 6-7 pm (chapters 1-5). The book includes reading lists at the end and is not too hard to read. Books are usually in stock at Barnes & Noble. This is the 7th edition - about 40% of material changes with additional research in each edition.
- A study showed that school achievement was directly linked to reading time. Students who read 20 minutes a day are in the 90th percentile at school, kids who read 5 minutes a day are in the 50th percentile, and kids who read 1 minute a day are in the 10th.
- We should continue reading with our kids in fourth/fifth grades - by reading aloud with them or reading and discussing the same books. Modeling literacy is important.
- ALL teachers read aloud to their classes for at least 15 minutes a day. All staff and students read for 20 minutes a day. Mr. Dan and Mr. Bailey can be found reading in the halls. Mr. Bailey showed a 9-second vine where he stepped into 3 classes during independent reading and NO ONE noticed him.
- Teachers and students are posting titles of books they currently read on class doors and lockers, allowing students and adults to discuss books and reinforce reading.

#### New Business:

1- Jenny Boelter made a motion asking for approval to buy a laptop computer, accounting program and Office suite, and pay professional to set up everything. Seconded by Jaime Huffman.

*I, Jenny Boelter, move that HPTC spend \$905 to purchase a laptop computer, QuickBooks, and the Microsoft Office products for its use.*

*RATIONALE: HPTC finances have grown beyond the capabilities of an Excel spreadsheet and it has been recommended by the HPTC accountant to use the QuickBook products to produce accurate reports. The Microsoft Office will be used to maintain our membership database as well as produce any necessary documents.*

Someone asked if a volunteer accountant could set-up the accounts. Abby Day, previous HPTC president, said that using a professional will provide consistency through the years and put accountability on the professional instead of HPTC/parents.

The motion passed with 26 out of 26 in favor.

2- Traffic at the corner of State and Hemmeter is a concern. Daryl Gotham knows MDOT worker and would like to request a traffic survey of the corner to demonstrate need and justify cost with benefits of a turn light.

An attendee volunteered that she works for Saginaw Township and the request was turned down by MDOT last spring. They use specific numbers from national standards for what is approved. Maybe expressing concern for safety might help.

Jen Jaffe to work with Daryl in expressing the collective interest in the group in seeing what we can do. She will see if requests should come from Saginaw Township schools, HPTC, or Hemmeter School. Maybe distributing a form letter for individual parents to sign and mail would be effective.

Old Business:

1. Is there interest in doing a Mom-to-Mom sale again this year? Serina Ortega is willing to coordinate.

Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 1 at 6:00 p.m. in Ms. Lewis' room**