

Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council Minutes

November 5, 2014, 6:00 PM, Ms. Lewis' room

- I. Call to Order/Welcome: Jennifer Jaffe at 6:00 p.m.
In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Josh Mosher, Becky Mosher, Jenesa Niswonger, Emily Deibel, Jennifer Sederlund, Karrie Baskins, Jamie Barnes, Rachel Chalraw, Julie Weisenberger, Cathy Champagne, Kelli Stricker.

- II. Housekeeping Items:
 - a. October minutes were submitted by Jennifer Jaffe and accepted as written.
 - b. Thank you note for acknowledging her birthday was received from Alison Pratt. Thank you cards from the staff were received for the dinner provided by HPTC at Math Curriculum night.
 - c. October Financial report submitted by Jenny Boelter. Fundraisers made: Goodrich-\$211.25, Chuck E. Cheese 87.07, Scrip \$382.95, Used book sale \$784.20
HPTC paid for Author visit from Aaron Zenz, Field trips, Super SideKick assembly, Teacher dinner on Math Curriculum night. Ipads through Scrip funds are coming.

- III. President's report by Jen Jaffe
 - a. Thank you to Kelly Duvendeck for 5 or 6 years of doing the directory. They look amazing, and she is careful and quick in getting them done. We need a volunteer to continue this next year.
 - b. Thank you to LuAnn Bugbee and committee for the Used Book Sale that raised \$784.20, with most books priced at \$.25. Leftover books were donated to charities for St. Mary's Emergency department and a Homeless organization in Saginaw city.
 - c. Thank you to the Staff for the Math Curriculum Night – great feedback from parents.
 - d. No volunteer was found for Hemmeter Harmony, so we don't have a school choir this year. We will still have a school fundraiser night at the Spirit hockey game. Jaime Huffman suggested we try to get on the list for the 2 kids that get to ride the Zamboni.

- IV. New Business: Playground Equipment Proposal
Jennifer Jaffe presented Emily Deibel's Playground Equipment proposal. A surplus of funds raised through SCRIP over time needs to be used for the benefit of the school. Emily researched and priced equipment that will maximize the playground area and engage students during recess, especially when confined to the blacktop in winter.

Mr. Jim Bailey shared that a committee of parents and teachers met last year and identified iPads and playground improvements as our students' biggest need. Also, discipline problems disappear when kids are engaged on the playground. This proposal will open up more areas so the kids can spread out.

Jill Rummler shared that the community will also benefit from an improved playground, so previous students can also benefit from their contributions to SCRIP.

Emily Deibel moved to allocate up to \$12,000 of the SCRIP surplus funds to purchase new playground equipment and storage facilities. The equipment includes 6 wall-ball courts, GaGa Pit, reusable stencils for blacktop games, shed and assorted toys. Rachel Chaltraw seconded, and the motion passed with unanimous approval.

We will need 4 committees for building/assembling: 1-GaGa Pit, 2- Stencils (Deibels will do this), 3- build the shed, 4-purchase playground equipment. VOLUNTEERS please contact HPTC at hptchemmeter@gmail.com or on Facebook.

V. Vice-President's Report: Jaime Huffman

Kids Run The Nation – we are part of the Saginaw chapter of a national program. On Nov 22 our runners will be participating in the Reindeer run with Girls on the Run. A nominal fee was paid by the school and individual fees, snacks and medals are all provided. They have asked for donations of post-race food for runners. Jaime proposed that \$100 from the miscellaneous fund be allocated to purchase bananas for the race. It was approved with 18 of 18 votes. It was recommended that Jacks fruit market could provide a discount on the bananas for school purchase. *We need parent volunteers to assist on Nov 22.*

VI. Faculty Report: Jill Rummler - Teachers are all busy with report cards. Here are some highlights for each grade:

Kindergarten –

- Firefighter Brian is coming November 13th
- Thanksgiving Feast will be held the week of Thanksgiving
- Working on Square 1 Art

First Grade –

- Working on writing a friendly letter
- Will write friendly letters to people they are thankful for the week of Thanksgiving.

Second Grade –

- Landform projects will be on display in the hall the week of November 17th
- Clickers – Mr. Bailey modeled a lesson on how to use the clickers. *(Each student gets a clicker, which is wirelessly connected to the Promethian Boards. The teacher can ask a question and then see immediately how many students got it right. Teacher can privately review individual answers. The kids love it.)*

Third Grade –

- Mrs. Weber – Her class formed their own student council and set their own goals to help their class and the school. They recently accomplished a goal to clean the playground.
- Social Studies Project – “Dress up a person for an activity in Michigan” - Given a template of a person to dress up as something you do in Michigan (Ski, collect rocks, etc.)

Fourth Grade –

- Social Studies – Studying government and memorizing the Preamble to the Constitution.

- Science - Working on self-reflections from science notebooks – recently finished Insect project. (Mrs. Rummeler recently used 4th grade notebooks to teach her second graders how to write.)

- Hartley – Week after Thanksgiving

Fifth Grade –

- Raised \$346.00 for the Make a Wish Foundation selling pumpkins

- Vocab costume party was a hit

- Working on Genius hour – 1 hour in the lab per week to research anything of interest. Students choose a question to answer and choose a way to present what was learned.

- Thank you to Mahar Tool and the Kessel family for funding our Young at Art first and second grade field trip to the Temple Theater – Skippy John Jones

- Music (Mr. Rodriguez) – Tryouts for 5th grade musical Shrek are going on this week

- Student Council (Mrs. Kahl) – Brainstorming Spirit Days and possible community service projects

- Thanks so much for providing us with dinner on Math Night!!!! A lot of positive feedback from teachers, who liked presenting in teams.

- Thank you from Mrs. Bugbee to all who were involved with the Used Book Sale. \$784.20 will be used to purchase new books and non-fiction e-books (like Science).

VII. Principal's Report: Jim Bailey

Congratulations to David Jaffe (newly elected) and Mike Colucci (continuing) on the school board. Thank you to Nicole Royer for organizing the Mom to Mom sale this Saturday, 11/8 and Sherie Boss for doing Chess Club.

Coding in Elementary School: Mr. Bailey

Mr. Bailey has been working with the students on coding, and was able to take some students to present to other districts about what our students can do.

A video on why our students need coding was shown. Internet entrepreneurs got their start as children. Coding teaches you how to think: to break down problems and persevere. Technology and computers affect every industry and career, but there are more jobs than qualified workers.

Hour Of Code Worldwide is a project with a goal of getting 100 million students involved. Code.org provides curriculum for K-1, 2-3, 4-5 online with 20 hours of instruction each. Code-able has age level curriculums, including a game for 4-5 graders where they create their own game like Flappy Bird. There are web-based programs linked on the school webpage so kids can do coding at home. Lightbot, grades 2-5, has a free flash version and a \$3 app.

There will be a day for parents to come to school and participate in the Hour of Code so they can also learn how to code and participate.

VIII. Committee reports:

- a. Rachel Chaltraw (School Store): planning to add a tie-dye shirt for the holiday order and discontinue sweats since they don't sell well. (Becky Mosher said Fun Fair will switch to plain shirts so tie-dye will add variety). Rachel has some stock for the store to help with order corrections.
- b. Jennifer Sederlund (Box Tops): Check for December projected to be \$2,283.00, subject to official review. Meijer stopped running their bonus boxtop receipts which eliminated about \$700 from our normal collection.
- If anyone orders Hanes T-shirts (Teams? Work?) a copy of your invoice will give the school \$.10/T-shirt. Rachel to check price difference and see if school store should switch to Hanes.
 - Labels for Education has reduced product offering by consolidating vendors, but offers a \$250 Visa gift card option. Principal and HPTC board to discuss options with Jennifer.
- c. Becky Mosher (Fun Fair- March 21): First meeting Nov 21 @ 6:30 at Rachel Chaltraw's house. *We need one parent per game to run the game and pass on each year. Looking for someone to head the Auction next year, after training with current volunteer this year.*
- Becky will do the Raffle License.
- d. Next Meeting Wednesday, December 3 at 6:00 (Mr. Bailey will be at Hartley with 4th graders).

IX. Adjourned at 7:18 pm.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEES NEED A FEW EXTRA HANDS... PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING.

- *Kids Run the Nation* – volunteers needed to help at the final race on November 22. Please check the HPTC Facebook page for more info or message Jaime Huffman.
- *Scholastic Book Fair* – volunteers needed! Go to signupgenius.com and create a membership. It's free and easy! Then, use Erin Casey's email address to find our Book Fair sign-up: eccasey912@sbcglobal.net. If you have any questions, send Erin an email.
- *Playground improvements* - We will need 4 committees for building/assembling: 1- GaGa Pit, 2- Stencils (Deibels will do this), 3- build the shed, 4-purchase playground equipment. VOLUNTEERS please contact HPTC at hptchemmeter@gmail.com or on Facebook.
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- *Hemmeter Directory*: Volunteer to do the school directory next year.

HELPFUL DATES

November 13 - Papa John's Night

November 19 - Hemmeter Night at Beef O'Brady's

November 20 - **Square 1 Artwork** order forms are sent home.

November 30 - **Square 1** orders are due (either online or through school)

December 3 - Next HPTC meeting

December 4 - Hornet Shop (spirit wear) order forms due with product delivery before the holidays!

December 11 - Papa John's Night

December 16 - **Square 1** art will be delivered to students at school