

## Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council

General Membership Meeting  
Wednesday, February 4, 2015  
6:00 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m by Jaime Huffman.

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Becky Mosher, Josh Mosher, Jenna Whiteherse, Erin Casey, Rachel Chaltraw, Ted Christian, Kelli Stricker, Stacey Rutherford, Jill Allardyce.

**Secretary's Report:** Sarah Jane Deibel submitted January meeting minutes. Sarah Jane to correct Ted Christian's name in minutes. A motion was made by Jaime to accept the minutes with that correction and seconded by Rachel Chaltraw.

**Financial Report:** Jenny Boelter shared the updated financial report.

- Money was collected from Square One Art, Chuck E. Cheese, and Papa John's fundraisers.
- HPTC money was spent on Spark, D.I., and for the Fourth Grader's bus to Lansing. iPad cases and apple TV were purchased with SCRIP money.

**Principal's Report:** Jim Bailey reported:

- *Math Theme Week:* The National Council of Teachers of Mathematics publishes a Monthly Math challenge. There are 3 levels of challenges for varying grade-levels, each one with 4 problems. Mr. Bailey invited the students to take these challenges as a class and propose an answer. The classes discussed different ways to solve the problems and Mr. Bailey checked to see if they got the right answers. This challenge incorporates a book connection, real world application, number sense, and working collaboratively. The reward for success was a hot chocolate treat, served in the gym last week. To be repeated monthly.
- *Spirit Hockey Game:* Friday Feb 27, Jill Rummler has been nominated for the Teacher Appreciation award that will be presented at the Spirit game. Tickets available through Hemmeter.
- *Hemmeter Parent Book Club:* Mindset, by Carol Dweck:  
Books available through Amazon or Barnes and Noble for \$10.  
Thursdays: February 12, 19, 26 6-7 pm  
About 15 people have already signed up. RSVP is helpful but not required.

**Faculty Report:** Jill Rummler reported: teachers are busy working on report cards.

### *Kindergarten*

- Spending the week celebrating the 100<sup>th</sup> day of school: Bringing 100th day projects in.
- Completing many Valentine activities

### *First Grade*

- Making friendship bracelets on Valentine's Day

### *Second Grade*

- Project Linus – Second grade will be making 50 blankets on Valentines Day to donate to Project Linus. They collected cans & donations, and parents will prep blankets on Friday.

- The furry and feathered friends of Hemmeter have enjoyed the yummy homemade bird treats the students have made. Each student will get a chance to be the official ornithologist for the day!

- Starting Fluid Earth unit in Science

#### *Third Grade*

- Native American projects are great! The boys and girls are currently sharing their projects and informing their classmates of the tribe they studied.

- Mrs. Tesch is back.

#### *Fourth Grade*

- Spelling Bee – This Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>
- The visit to the state capital building was a hit! Making pop-up origami in Social Studies.
- Friendship week starts next Monday
- Nali Kogulan taught a science lesson to 4<sup>th</sup> grade - thank you, Nali, for doing this 7 years.

#### *Fifth Grade*

- Cupcake wars will be held next Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.
- The students enjoyed the visit to White Pine Middle School and had a lot of positive feedback.

#### *Student Council*

- Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> (day before spring break) there will be an all school pajama day and read-in at 1:00 p.m. to celebrate March is Reading Month.
- Kids who donate new/like-new books will be entered in a drawing to win prizes: books selected by their teacher or staff, breakfast with the principal, or a Barnes & Noble gift card. Books will be donated to high-poverty schools in Saginaw.
- Kids who are found reading by Mr. Bailey the day before will win a 15-minute time slot to read in the chairs in front of the office on Friday.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **Book Fair-** Erin Casey

- Fall Book fair was a lot of fun, with happy kids, lots of smiles and pennies! Made \$1000 on trinkets: invisible pens, bookmarks. Will continue to offer these since the kids love it.
- Spring Book Fair is coming with the theme “Under the Sea.” There will be a look day for students to preview the sale. Jill Rummler will put a sign-up sheet in the teacher lounge for them to choose times. Teacher’s pictures will be posted with donation bags where parents can give books to their teacher (will provide “donated by” stickers). Wednesday night will be school taco night
- Learnings from last time: Will have 2 cash registers instead of one. Kids loved the tickets for getting “caught reading.” Majority of sales were in the first half of the week: Will just do 7-9 am and 2-3:30 on Thursday and Friday. Will send reminder letter to parents, including a note that kids should know there is sales tax.

#### **Destination Imagination-** Jill Allardyce

- 90 DI T-shirts ordered with the new design. It has a big Hemmeter logo on it that people will really notice. Shirts will be delivered in boxes by size instead of individually bagged.
- Dress rehearsal performances at school will be Feb 16 (K-2 Rising Stars) and Feb 23 (3-5) at 1:00 in the gym. Nali & Jill run it - set up sound, chairs, tape off Performance boundaries on the floor.
- Feb 28 regional tournament has been paid for and \$300 is still available from the budget to go to state fees (\$100/team that advances). Will do Qdoba fundraiser - \$10 for a sheet of

Qdoba coupons, including free entrees. They will be sold primarily by team members, but supporting avenues are through an order form with advance orders, at the SCRIP table, and last remainders through the office. Jill received Tax ID number to pursue application and will find out how long the turnaround time is if we want more than initially ordered.

**Taco Night** - from Serena, reported by Jen Jaffe

- Probably have Vegetarian, Beef, & Chicken options. Will set price (\$6/ea?) and take advance reservation. Purpose is to bring business to the book fair and provide social opportunity.

**Fun Fair:** Becky Mosher

- Looking for more people to take over, but received MANY more volunteers this last month so each activity has two people. She has a person to head set-up and one for the prize room. Thank you!
- March 21 leadership help: Becky will consult with Jim on getting Janitor. Treasurer, Jenny, on hand to handle the money with assistance from Jen Jaffe & Jim Bailey. Jill does balloons and stays by cash. Josh & Becky are in-and-out.
- Need well-qualified parent volunteers for handling Ticket Sales, Auction, Sponge Bob: All-day or shifts: 9:45-12:00/11:45-2:00. Jim will do morning Ticket Sales (Lisa Bartelt & Luann Bugbee have usually done it but are gone this year).
- Will be using Sign-up Genius (after SPARK) to get volunteers for activities and donations of cake, candy and pop.
- Raffle License issued 2/5/15.
- Box top incentive again this year: turn in box tops to be in a drawing giving \$5 bundle of tickets to a student in each grade.
- Kelli needs prizes for the auction. Businesses can donate and each class will donate a prize, coordinated by the room mom after Valentine's day.
- No Photo booth or Caricature, took out a couple of games. Will have the Hemmeter Blaster.

**SPARK:** email from Lisa Beird

Friday, February 27<sup>th</sup> your child will participate in Hemmeter's Wonderful World of SPARK XXVIII S.P.A.R.K. – an acronym for **Science Plus Art Reaching Kids** – is a full day of science and art enrichment organized and funded by the Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council.

Every classroom has a different presentation either about the sciences or art. The presenters are either parents, professionals in the community, some hired organizations, or hobbyists. They prepare and present a 45 minute hands on learning activity for your student. The students get the choice of the sessions they attend!

The day starts with an all school assembly "Dr. Slime". Then students will attend 3 morning sessions in their classrooms.

In the afternoon the classes stay together and participate in a grade level activity and then attend an all school assembly "Magic or Science" to wrap up the day. It is truly like 6 field trips in one day!

Parent volunteers will be present during all sessions to help the teachers supervise and assist your child while they learn about science and art through hands-on activities. Please look for the volunteer sign up sheet in your students take home folder. We need lots of

volunteers for SPARK day, consider signing up! We will be scheduling volunteers this coming Friday, February 6th so please stop by the office and fill out a form with Lisa Bartlet.

We do sell SPARK T-shirts for this event. Every year an art contest is held among the students to select the winning design to market that years SPARK day. This design is transferred onto a SPARK T shirt and historically, about 75% of the school will be wearing these shirts.

In addition to our budget from HPTC we did secure a monetary grant from the Barbara Ann Morgan Fund held at First Merit Bank. These additional funds greatly help bring educational, fun learning activities to our students.

- Lots of T-shirts are ordered (300-400). Jill Rummler will invite Kindergarten teachers to communicate that Spark shirts are a big tradition & will extend deadline for them.
- SPARK is an event for current students and their parents as volunteers. "Hemmeter Alumni" teens should be in their school classes.

**Barnes & Noble Book Fair:** Jen Jaffe

- February 14-15 we receive 15% of sales with provided fundraiser coupon, which can be shared via print or electronically. Online orders count 2/14-20 - even out of state. Mrs. Bugbee will use funds to buy books for the library.
- Two events to bring customers in: Lisa Morford's class on Saturday and joke contest on Sunday (James Patterson's iFunniest is coming out).

**Student Council Read in:** Jennifer Jaffe, from Melanie Kahl

- MOTION: I, Jennifer Jaffe, on behalf of the Student Council, move that HPTC allocate an additional \$200 to their budget to purchase materials for their "Read In" event. Seconded by Sarah Jane Deibel. Motion passed unanimously.

**Open Forum:**

Josh Mosher: Thank you to Mr. Bailey/HPTC for getting charter bus for the 4th grade trip to Lansing. (Mr. Bailey noted that the field trip is scheduled one year in advance and the Bus Barn called 3 days before and said they couldn't provide a bus. The charter bus was not much more than the school bus, but had fewer seats.)

Meeting adjourned at

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 4 at 6:00 p.m. in the teacher's lounge.**