

Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council

General Membership Meeting

Thursday, March 10, 2015

6:30 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 6:44 p.m. by Jennifer Jaffe (after 4th grade program).

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Becky Mosher, Sarah Burke, Pam Jeruski

President's welcome: Jen Jaffe:

Thank you to SPARK team (Deb, Lisa, and Team) for all the work planning the big day, even though the weather interfered with it being completed as planned.

Secretary's Report: Sarah Jane Deibel:

- February meeting minutes were submitted and accepted as written.

Financial Report: Jenny Boelter reported:

- February Deposits: Goodrich: 121.76. Outback (Dec): \$235. Meijer: \$115.80 (check mailed when reaches \$100). Fun Fair sponsors \$1700.
- February Expenses: Field trips, DI regionals, Spelling Bee, SPARK, Staff birthdays, Ukulele storage.
- Income is on target for meeting the annual budget.
- **Sarah Burke** asked for budget information for the luncheon on Teacher Appreciation Day (Tuesday, May 3). Jenny Boelter to get budget information to Sarah to feed about 20 staff. Previous luncheons served salads from Crumbs or a sub sandwich shop, Chinese, anything is fine. Staff summer birthdays will be recognized together in June. Teacher Appreciation Week is the same week – Jaime Huffman will check volunteer list for someone to coordinate. Last year we requested gifts of a piece of fruit for the teacher and a card. Teachers appreciate the luncheon and cards.

Faculty Report: Jill Rummler reported:

Mini-SPARK days have been great.

- *Kindergarten:* Is making up SPARK days. Luann Bugbee did a puppet project, there's an assembly tomorrow, and they watched a magic show. Dow Ambassadors came to do a project with them.
- *First Grade:* Dow Ambassadors did a lesson. 1st grade music program is soon.
- *Second Grade:* Saginaw A-Z parent night is coming, including a Taste of Saginaw with donations from local businesses. Leaman's recommended Sarah (a community figure: Miss Saginaw?) come to our night. For reading month, we will celebrate "Wacky Wednesday" with jokes and poems. Tomorrow Chippewa Nature Center will come for the SPARK day.
- *Third Grade:* Studying force and motion and building bob sleds. Working on publishing opinion papers.

- *Fourth Grade:* At the County spelling bee right now. (Live update: 2 kids in top 8 at 6:55 (5-8 grades). 4th grade musical is coming up. Starting Electricity unit, with projects after spring break.
- *Fifth Grade:* Wax Museum next week. Celebrating Pi Day on Monday with pies. Catching up on SPARK days – doing canvas art.

Luann Bugbee sends thanks for the library shelves. Hemmeter Idol is next week.

Principal's Report: Jim Bailey reported:

- DI teams did a great job in Mt. Pleasant on Feb 27. Three Rising Stars teams did well, and all 5 competitive teams advanced to State competition (April 16).
- 2 guest teachers filling in for teachers who had babies: Jamie Hoffman (Mrs. Kahl had a baby boy, Eric); Leigh Zimmerman (Mrs. Pratt: Lou Betsy Pratt, born today).
- Thank you to Joe Darling & Chris Ballosh: Both noticed Mr. Bailey's shelf of loaner books collapsed, and offered to replace the shelf. Thanks for the thoughtfulness.
- April 12 is the session of testing for next year. It is getting full (150 kids, mostly Kindergarten), so will have an additional day in May.
- Spending Report, from the surplus in account: Sent check for amplification system and let each teacher choose the style: 10 of one kind, 6 of another. Book shelves are in the library. Completed purchase order today for Chromebooks. Waiting to decide on cart until after the district tech director previews carts at the Technology Fair.

President's Report: Jennifer Jaffe reported:

- Thank you to Jim and SPARK – for being on top of things when the weather was canceling our SPARK day, and rescheduling the groups to come in again. We were able to cancel all the luncheon holds at no cost (leaving \$600 in the budget). Jenny Boelter reported: We have paid for several groups and they are/will be rescheduled. Some weren't paid for and are just canceled. There's money coming in for some of the classroom activities that will be held. Next month we will have a financial review of SPARK.

Committee Reports:

- **Fun Fair: Becky Mosher** – Morning volunteers are full, and can get by with the afternoon volunteers (if needed, will close games if they can't shuffle volunteers). Posted signs for more food donations. Every year we apply for a Kohl's grant – only got it one year, but the applications takes only 2 minutes to complete (currently in Becky's name). They can come once a month for any non-profit that supports children. If they get 5 people to volunteer for 3 hours we get a \$500 grant. Amy Denay reported there are more auction donations than last year. Have \$2300 from sponsors, which is higher than past years.

Jen Jaffe: This year at Fun Fair, we are going to see what part of the event makes the money: Kitchen? Auction? Games? This is our most profitable fundraiser, with a goal of \$8000, 1/3 of our budget. The Kitchen is labor intensive so we have been streamlining it and are going to see which foods are most profitable. *Becky:* Auction has to record money made, so she knows how much it made in the last 2 years. The number of games doesn't really impact the income: people spend what they want to spend.

Kitchen: Anyone who volunteers for half a day gets a free drink. All day get a piece of pizza/hotdog and a pop.

- **Spring Book Fair (April 18 week):** The community building activity will be an ice-cream social during the week: “I scream for books.” Jaime Huffman will lead and find volunteers for Sundae night to be held April 19 or 20, and Jill Rummmler can assist. Will plan for 150 people, and can do RSVP if wanted. Jenny Boelter will assist Sarah Burke with Teacher Appreciation week.
- **Timing of Fun Fair and SPARK (Jen Jaffe):** A parent suggested that we should separate the two events. They used to be in different parts of the year, and have gotten close together. Should we hold Fun Fair in fall and SPARK in spring? Maybe more enthusiastic volunteers in the Fall; we can plan our budget better as the money would come in before many of the expenses; mother nature would not interfere. SPARK could be as late as April. SPARK is nice to add excitement during winter, but we decided it is more important to avoid the potential weather problems. We have the book fair in October and early March. We can do SPARK mid to late April. Will look at fall dates for Fun Fair and work with Pam Jeruski to schedule. Try to do after Township soccer (November early?) and homecoming.
- **HPTC Officer Nominations:** Our terms are officially ending, and will accept nominations tonight for any position, for a 2-year term. Jen Jaffe will publish it next week, and other candidates will be accepted at the next meeting (only). The following were nominated: Jen Jaffe for President. Jaime Huffman for Vice President. Jenny Boelter for Treasurer. Sarah Burke for Secretary.

Closing Remarks: Jim Bailey: BLOCK nominations are open. Nominate teachers, staff, retired teachers, administrators, or parent volunteers to be recognized. Please respond to the (anonymous) school survey as responses are read carefully and used to make school improvements.

Meeting adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, April 6 at 6:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge