

Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, February 4, 2015

6:00 p.m. Teacher's Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m by Jennifer Jaffe.

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jenny Boelter, Jaime Huffman, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Becky Mosher, Sarah Burke, Mary Casler, Rebecca Wong, Debra Dudewicz.

Secretary's Report: Sarah Jane Deibel reported:

- January meeting minutes were submitted and accepted as written.

Financial Report - Jenny Boelter reported:

· *Updated financial report was shared. January income:* Box Tops (twice/year): \$1519.60, Papa Johns \$366.63, Grant from Fordney Club for March Madness books.

January expenses: Raffle license for Fun Fair, Hartley fee for extra instructor, Magic Show Assembly \$495, purchases for Library, \$1517.06. Surplus Fund expenditures include: Barnes & Noble gift cards to teachers for classroom books (most went shopping already) and Ukuleles for Music classes.

- Amplification systems are on their way for a final comparison before deciding. Both have pros and cons.

Faculty Report: Jim Bailey shared Jill Rummler's report:

- *Kindergarten:* Kindergarten is going on our annual field trip to Papa John's pizza.

Valentine's Day and 100th Day celebrations coming up.

- *First Grade:* Dow Ambassadors came on January 19 to do a STEM magnet activity.

Doing friendship bracelets for Valentine's day. Upcoming field trip to see "Seussical" at the Temple Theater.

- *Second Grade:* Second grade is excited about hosting for the first time "The ABC's of Saginaw Family Night". The boys and girls will get to celebrate their community by teaching their family members about Saginaw. We are also planning for that night a "Taste of Saginaw." So far Mary's has offered to donate 6 dozen cookies and Intermission Deli has offered bite size samples of their sandwiches.

- *Third Grade:* 3rd grade is starting forces and motion: we are having Think First come in and teach us about keeping our head and spine safe. We are conducting literature circles on Charlotte's Web and There's an Owl in the Shower and writing opinion pieces.

Wizlets are arriving in Mrs. Weber's room and will be adopted on Valentine's Day.

- *Fourth Grade:* Spelling Bee tomorrow night! (Thursday at 6:00 p.m.) Prizes will be SCRIP gift cards. Students are exploring Discovery Education and loving it! Friendship Week will be taking place in the 4th grade classrooms next week. Students have drawn names and will be secretly giving small gifts throughout the week.

- *Fifth Grade:* Participating in the Spelling Bee tomorrow. White Pine tour is on the 10th, and Cupcake Wars will be the 12th.

- *Thank you for the Barnes and Noble gift cards and the February birthday treats. It was so much fun shopping for books!*

Principal's Report: Jim Bailey reported:

- **STEM night** was great success. The Destination Imagination team (**Meenal Kogulan, Veena Bulusu, Josh Stuber, Mia Polson, Abbey Buchalski, Theo Lange, Abram Schumann**) did a remarkable job. Lots of Staff volunteered to help. There were 40 activities in the gym, and about 200 people attended. Kids of all ages, including preschoolers, were engaged the whole time, and there was always an open activity. Made \$600 in donations at the door, and had two families combined to donate an additional \$900, which will be used to buy STEM equipment for Hemmeter classes. Most activities came from a book that tells how to put on engineering nights with supply kits. We would like to buy the book and more kits and make the STEM night an annual presentation. On March 2, the DI team will present about their event.
- **Lisa Morford** will be honored on Feb 19 as the Saginaw Spirit's "Spirited Teacher." Donation of 200 tickets donated by AIS Construction Equipment/CRC for our families.
- **Spending update** (Budget Surplus): Ukeleles purchased and have arrived. Mr. Rodriguez used the shed rebate at Menards to purchase materials to build storage for Ukeleles in existing cabinet. Purchased large screen for gym. *Mary Casler shared*: She has normally carried many music supplies back and forth between schools. She is grateful to have many music enrichment supplies that can stay in her classroom at Hemmeter. Chromebooks are ordered and teachers are excited to have another set. Gift cards for books are out and being used already. One class had a book order that was supposed to ship in a month, so the students wrote persuasive letters to B&N requesting the delivery be moved up. Staff reviewing Amplification systems before final purchase.
- **March Book Madness**: Fantasy vs. Reality (each year has a theme). Reading brackets based on kids' seeding brackets. Kids vote each week on their trees. The Top Fantasy and Top Reality books "face-off" for the championship. Fordney club gave us a grant of \$200 to purchase the books we didn't have in the library and now we have enough in the school. Picture books will be read aloud by teachers in class, and copies to share are in the Staff room.
- **Michigan reading conference** – 6 staff members going to the conference in March. Mr. Bailey is being honored as the Michigan Reading Association's Administrator of the Year.

Upcoming Events:

- **SPARK Day (February 26)**: Deb Dudewicz reported everything is ready to go, and hired groups have been paid. Morning classes are scheduled: Animal Enrichment, Star Wars, and Dream Catcher classes were the most requested classes. Per tradition, preference was given to 5th graders. Lower Elementary group liked the T-shirt and Moon Dough. They will also work with the Planetarium. Dow Ambassadors will do Wacky Waxy Watercolors with Kindergarten (schedule has been shifted slightly). Afternoon classes: Wildlife recovery (Kindergarten). They are waiting to hear if a grant from First Merit for \$600 will be approved; If we don't get the grant, then HPTC will pay for the afternoon class. Julie Viele will do splatter-blot canvas with the 5th graders. Painterly Pottery for 4th grade: Paint and Go (Spray on items will make it look as if it was baked in a kiln) and projects will be sent home on Monday. 2nd grade: Animal Enrichment, 3rd grade – Lava Lamps. 1st grade Magnets with MI Science Inc. (has a museum in Detroit and will come to us to do planetarium and magnets). Tried to get Kids for Engineering, but unable due to lack of response. Chippewa Nature Center: It's great to be Green (new program). Will schedule volunteers this weekend (there is a surplus of volunteers!) and do final check with vendors.

Jaime Huffman and Alissa on food: Asked for more budget to cover more purchased food. Alissa did a sign-up genius for food donations. T-shirts: Greenish yellow with blue piping – modern colored SPARK shirts.

- **Fun Fair (March 12)**: Becky Mosher. Jim Bailey to schedule Janitor and open doors for 8:00 arrival. Needs 20 empty 2-liter bottles. Pam Jeruski has agreed to take over Fun Fair for next two years. She has already been involved a lot in the process with Becky. Many volunteers are still needed for the event – harder to get volunteers when it happens right after SPARK. Next Year: please keep 3-4 weeks between SPARK and Fun Fair. (Schedule Fun Fair at end of March/beginning of April. Could be a possibility to move to November for next year as well.)
- **Spring Book Fair**: April 18-22. Scholastic hasn't posted 2016 theme yet for Erin Casey to plan. Will hold an Ice Cream Social during it to get people in the building, but simplify the event instead of doing a dinner. Erin or someone else to take the lead on ice cream.
- **Fundraisers**: Papa John's Night – February 11. G's Pizza – February 22. GDX \$121.00

New Business:

- **Jennifer Jaffe: Law Grants** – There is an organization in town that has money to grant for Law-related programming (they help out Emaus House and the Career Complex, got a student to a competition she qualified for, has done court-room/court house tours, paid for buses). Maybe they would pay for 4th grade trip to Lansing or a court house tour, or mock trial field trip?
- **Sarah Burke: HPTC elections** for next term: What is the process for putting people on the ballot for elections? Do we nominate someone? Ask someone? Technically yes, but usually not a whole lot of competition. Nominations will be in March with a vote in April so the out-going and in-going Board members can coordinate scheduling and transition responsibilities. Sarah Jane will not be running for secretary next year. Jennifer Jaffe is willing to continue depending on what Jaime wants.

Meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Staff Lounge