

## **Hemmeter Parent Teacher Council**

General Membership Meeting

Wednesday, January 6, 2016

6:00 p.m. Staff Lounge

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

In Attendance: Jennifer Jaffe, Jaime Huffman, Jenny Boelter, Sarah Jane Deibel, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Sarah Burke, Julie Weisenberger, Pam Miller, Becky Mosher, Ted Christian.

### **Secretary's Report - Sarah Jane Deibel reported:**

- November meeting minutes were submitted and accepted as written.

### **Financial Report - Jenny Boelter reported:**

· *Updated financial report was shared. Nov income:* 476.49 - Scrip; \$400 - Mathnasium donation for DI  
**December income:** Square 1 profit: \$3,266.14, Scrip: \$3,760.29 (\$2,000 in certificates yet to be redeemed), Kroger and Restaurant fundraisers: \$464.5

**Nov expenses:** Staff Birthdays, 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Skype with Author, Author visit, 5<sup>th</sup> grade fieldtrip, Reindeer Run donation. **December expenses:** Large Screen for presentations in gym, field trips, 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical kit, student council supplies, staff birthdays.

· *Auxillary staff Christmas gift - Jen Jaffe:* The money collected for auxillary staff was \$1335, with \$75/each to support staff, with the remainder given to crossing guard and speech teacher. This year cash was given since SCRIP sales were over and most of these individuals are not at Hemmeter full-time. Julie Weisenberger said SCRIP could have earned \$68 from this. Next year we will weigh the convenience of cash for the recipient against SCRIP earning potential to decide which way to go.

### **Faculty Report: Jill Rummler reported:**

Welcome back from break: teaches are re-teaching routines and everyone is settling back in. December was filled holiday and winter themes across grades.

· *Kindergarten:* Snow and Winter Themes, Firefighter Ryan will be paying the class a visit.

· *First grade:* First grade students raised just over \$400.00 with their Elf Project. The boys and girls enjoyed their walking fieldtrip to purchase gifts.

· *Second grade:* The second grade homemade holiday ornament exchange was a hit! The treetop café is open for business and the boys and girls will be bringing in homemade bird treats to school starting next week. Extra birdseed is much appreciated. Project Linus blankets will be made on February 12<sup>th</sup>. Pop cans are currently being collected to return for cash to purchase no-sew blanket material.

· *Third grade:* Third grade will receive a 3 visits from St. Mary's Think First Field Nero Science Institute to discuss the brain and spinal cord. They will learn about bike and pool safety.

· *Fourth grade:* Fourth grade spent much of December working on their Hartley Scrapbooks. Mrs. Kelsey and Ms. Smith said thank you for the extra money to hire another Hartley Staff member to teach a class. The Spelling Bee has started. There are 41 students participating from 4th and 5th grades.

They meet twice a week during lunch recess to practice. Ms. Smith set-up the trip to Lansing on May 31.

· *Fifth grade:* Fifth grade students are starting their research for the Wax Museum. The Wax Museum will be held in March. Look for news soon about the White Pine information night.

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

- Destination Imagination team is hosting a *STEM night at Hemmeter on Thursday, January 28*, as a community outreach project. The students did a well-prepared presentation for Mr. Bailey and Ms. Terrie Robbie (WPMS STEM coordinator). They have contacted community partners to help sponsor the activity, including Mathnasium, Family Engineering, American chemical Society, and SVSU (donated some engineering kits). A flier will come home tomorrow with pre-registration for the first 150 students. It will be free, but any donations will be used to purchase STEM equipment for Hemmeter classrooms. K-5 at Hemmeter to be held Thurs Jan 28. They would like HPTC to match the funds they raise, and the team will approach HPTC after the event. The kids are taking initiative and making this happen.
- April 12 will be Admission testing for Hemmeter. A day in May is available if needed for overflow.
- *Surplus money spending:* We have been working on a plan to spend surplus money in HPTC account that has built up over years. Mr. Bailey met with teachers to brainstorm ideas, then had a Parent committee, and then took the list back to the Staff to finalize the request within the budget amount.
  - Front Row ToGo Amplification System with Student Microphone for each classroom (including Music). Research says that kids at the back of classroom can't hear as well and are less engaged in the lessons. The system has a speaker at the back of the room so all students hear equally, and a wireless microphone in each classroom for student participation. \$12,240.00 (\$704/room system, \$112/microphone)
  - Class set of 32 ukuleles and 6 tuners with storage for music class. \$2,265
  - 36 Chrome books and charging cart. The current one is always used (all classes can use, but mostly used by upper Elementary). \$11, 207.
  - Classroom libraries: \$100 B&N SCRIP card for each teacher's classroom library. \$1400
  - Mary Casler – scarves, kazoos, and miscellaneous items for teaching rhythm and movement. \$312
  - Shelving for the Library back wall: \$2,500 needed to supplement profits from the used book sale held to pay for shelving.
  - \$29,924.00 total so far, quoted.
- Dan wants tables for cafeteria. We could buy new ones (\$1400 each?) or ask the School District to provide more (probably used out of storage). Jim Bailey to see what District can get for us and defer decision until the end of the year when there will likely be an additional surplus (est. \$3,000 Scrip?).
- Looked at how to improve the gym: We have a stage already, but usually the risers are preferred. A quote for an installed sound system was super expensive, and not practical when the gym is a multi-function room. The sound system we have has to be set-up, but is about the best at this level.
- Jen Jaffe: *Thank you* to the teachers for all their work: researching, pricing, choosing carefully how to spend this money for the maximum benefit of students. Vote: Motion carries unanimously to approve proposed purchases.

**President's update - Jennifer Jaffe reported:**

- Barnes & Noble Weekend – Jan 9-10: purchase in store, spend gift cards, or shop online with fundraiser coupon and Hemmeter will get a percentage of sales in B&N gift cards to spend later. Mr. Bailey will set-up art on display in the store from the After School Art Club. Jenny Boelter will help to take down at the end.
- Papa John's – Jan 14.
- Quality GDX – Jan 18 (12pm-4pm/Concessions only).
- January 25 is off for elementary (for data analysis) and MS and HS.
- Spark Feb 26
- *Fun Fair (March 12) - Becky Mosher*: Looking for someone to do set-up, someone to do the Box Maze, and need a new coordinator (most of the work is delegated; Coordinator oversees 20 parents that are doing the projects). Sent note to 1 & 2 grades looking for volunteers. Jan 23, 10:00 am meeting here to prep supplies for Fun Fair. No changes from last year. Will borrow the money counter from book fair, and Jenny Boelter & Jen Jaffe to be there to help with money. Sign-up genius worked well for volunteers last year. *Thank you to Mosher family.*
- Elections to fill all board positions will be held soon: for interested new members or current board members. Invite people who are interested in positions to contact Jen Jaffe or current Board members. Elections will be held in April so we can have a joint planning meeting with the old and new Board members.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the Staff lounge