

HERITAGE ACADEMY PTO Board Meeting Minutes

January 20, 2015

7:00 PM in the Music Room

Attendance: E. Taylor, S. Liddiard, J. Calkins, C. Hansen, R. Jones, C. Malolo C. West, J. Cox, A. Nyman, Bradly Calkins, Ann Price, Sally Liechty, Garth Liechty.

Absent: S. Christiansen, S. Parry, P. Whetten

Call to Order: 7:00pm

Adoption of Agenda

Approval of Minutes: 1st by R. Jones, 2nd by J. Calkins Minutes approved as distributed.

Treasurer's Report: S. Liddiard presented the report. Only change is to change school gift to reflect \$1900.00 was spent last year and should not be listed in this budget.

Mr. Earl Taylor Comments:

- City of Mesa Police department will begin ticketing cars that park and wait in either the south bound lane or the bike lane on Center.
- Along with Mr. Melchin and Mr. Deselms, he adds administrative log entries for tracking purposes. These can include such topics as summer school, failing classes, etc. and are for internal use only. They are not sent home. Any log entries dealing with discipline are emailed to parents on Thursday.
- Asked if people would be willing to have school on Civil Rights day or Presidents Day or even a rare Friday. This would give the school options to make up days if needed.

Unfinished & New Business:

- **Form election nominating committee (3 members: one chosen by board, one by Mr. Taylor, and one by President)**
R. Jones was chosen by the board. E. Taylor and S. Liddiard will have names by the next board meeting. We need to know if any 1st year members will not be returning. If you are finishing your 2nd year and wish to serve again, you will need to be reelected.
- **Fundraising**
 - Discussion included that the people affected (Coaches, Fine Arts Depts., Karen) all be contacted to see how they want to proceed. Do we need a separate committee? A. Price commented that John Taylor prefers to run his own fundraisers and he was able to manage the money without asking Karen for help.

- E. Taylor will develop a list of principles and guidelines for fundraising.
- Should we raise PTO dues to \$40 per year and use half the funds for normal business operations and create a scholarship/fund for students? Question was raised as to the % of families who currently pay dues. S. Liddiard will check on that figure.

Committee Updates:

- **Spelling Bee – Colette Hansen**

We had a successful event and learned a lot for next year. We need more communication with students to remind them of the event and announcement to stay for event. Parents did come to watch. Mrs. Patch did a great job as announcer. The winner will be attending the Regionals in February.

- **Mother/Son Activity – Sheree Liddiard & Cynthia Malolo**

Will begin planning the activity to be held on 4/2/15

- **Sports Authority – Sally Liechty**

Nothing to report

- **Fine Arts – Ann Price**

- The arts retreat went very well. The performances were great. Guest artists are a wonderful benefit for the students. Having the teachers interact with the students in a different atmosphere and are great role models.
- The Hawaii arts retreat is on for Spring Break and everyone is looking forward to the trip.

Parent and Teacher Comments

- E. Taylor reported that today was the first day of open enrollment for all non-sibling students. Enrollment is expected to be up at Laveen and Gateway. It was mentioned that applicants are not happy with the lottery system. Mr. Taylor explained that if we have more applicants than spaces available, by law we need to fill the seats as fairly as possible and we choose to use the lottery system.
- Mesa Public Schools has posted their calendar for the next 2 years. It is a traditional calendar, not year round.

Adjournment: 7:40pm

Next Meeting: February 17, 2015