

HERITAGE ACADEMY PTO

Board Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

7:00 pm in Room 1

Attendance: Board Members: Earl Taylor, Raymond Jones, Ann Price, Bonnie Gardner, Ingelise Pang, David Bear, Kim Wilson, Melissa Farr, Amy Nyman, Anson Jack, Lance Johnson, Faculty: Chris West, Travis Moore, Parents: Denene Ward Students: Jaran Price

Call to Order:

Welcome and Introductions:

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Amy N. to adopt the agenda; Lance J. seconded it.

Approval of Minutes: A motion was made by Anson J. to adopt the minutes from our January meeting, Amy N. seconded it.

Administrative Comments: Mr. Taylor

*Regarding the collection of PTO dues. He has reviewed the notebook that has fees paid paperwork turned in by students. Of those that paid manually (not online) he found only a few that didn't pay. However total records show that out of 516 families at Heritage only 53% paid dues. Students only have to pay the fees form if they have a class with a fee. 167 families did not fill out one of the fees forms.

*We haven't been able to come up with a way that the fees can be collected by 100% of the families. We are at a loss as what to do to increase the dues.

*Amy Nyman suggested that an all online digital system be made including fee and PTO dues.

*Mr. Taylor suggested that we look at the amount we give to teacher appreciation gifts. Other campuses do random things throughout the year such as breakfasts, lunches, etc.

*Ray – some schools use sign-up genius for registration

*Ann- Having a check list for registration is a great idea. Listing all the steps you have to take to prepare for school, paying dues being one of them.

* The sports field was torn up recently by the city of Mesa because of a power line hanging down. The city will put it all back together and restore the lawn to its original green.

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer's Report: Ingelise Pang \$5,165 is our total balance. We will still be earning funds in the future, mainly from the spring musical concessions.

Communications: Kim Wilson

* She has tried to upload PTO minutes on the websites but it keeps rejecting them. Who can help her with this? Lindsey Crosland was suggested for help there.

Unfinished & New Business:

Form election nominating committee

Bonnie Gardner

Kathy Edmunds

Ann Price

Potential nominees will be found and presented at our March meeting.

School Gift - the following ideas were brought up:

- risers in the choir room (current risers will only hold half of junior high choir)
- new copier for arts building
- belt pack and wireless microphones for the drama department
- musical instruments
(Music dept. would love donations of instruments.)
- Lunch tables, preferably the longer tables
- Fitness class would like fitness stations around the school.
- A school logo painted on the side of the building
- A portable scoreboard that could go to all sporting events
- A room dedicated for teachers (teacher's lounge)
- More lockers
- New intercom system. Some rooms the students can't hear announcements

*Mr. Moore suggested that it be a gift that benefits the whole school rather than one department.

*Mr. Taylor said the school is looking at putting a Ramada between the Junior High and main building.

*It was suggested that these ideas be put on the school website as potential eagle scout projects.

*Raymond asked for board members to research prices of the suggested gift ideas.

Committee Updates:

Academics: Bonnie Gardner representing Colette Hansen:

- * Spelling Bee trophies have arrived. Colette will pick them up this week. Hopefully Mr. Taylor can award them during class time.

Historian: Lance Johnson -

- * Reminder to turn in your reports from your committee's events.

Fine Arts: Amy Nyman & Kim Wilson -

- * Tuesday February 28th is the orchestra and band concert
They need parent helpers to supervise students

*March 23-25 is the California trip for Concert Choir, Women's Choir and Chamber Orchestra

*Mr. Taylor added that Regionals were held last weekend. Some scholars made regionals in both band and choir. Of the choir members, 21 scholars made regional. This is more per school than any other school.

Membership: Ann Price Has a few ideas for membership and keeping faculty coming to meetings.

Family Service Activity: Lance Johnson –

Special Olympics Service Project in April, there are still 4 slots open for Saturday

morning. The slots for Friday night and Saturday afternoon are only half full. He will get with the event coordinator to find out what to wear and what each volunteer is to do.

*Raymond Jones added that we should start keeping track of the hours of service for projects. Also take pictures if you can.

Teacher & Staff Appreciation: Melissa Farr

*April 26 is Secretary's Day

The next week Teacher Appreciation Week

We have a whole week of things planned for the teachers

It was asked if the students know it is teacher appreciation week? Suggestions was made to contact the student council to make announcements about teacher appreciation.

*Suggestion was made to have a big basket at Open House/Orientation for donations of supplies for the teachers

Parent Cyber-Committee: Ann Price

- A copy of document *Network Safety Management through Computer Account Management* written by Mr. Bear was presented to everyone in attendance.

Questions and Comments:

- * It would be nice to have a condensed paragraph for parents to read.
- * Is there internet filtering? Yes
- * This document is for the upcoming school year
- It would be good to have a link to the school website and resource page
- Suggestion was made for long term issues like cyber-bullying. Mr. Bear responded that he addresses this issue in his 8th grade computer class.

Parent and Teacher Comments:

Anson asked about the video taping made for the ballroom dance concert and the quality of the dvd. Does the school contract someone to tape events?

It is made by volunteers. The Grossen family has been taping concerts and plays for the past few years and selling them. Mrs. Kenney made the arrangements to have them video tape.

Ann Price – Feels that the parents shouldn't be charged money to watch their child play basketball. It was pointed out that money collected for games helps pay for the cost of renting the gymnasium from the Methodist church.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting: March 21 at 7:00 pm