

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
NOVEMBER 6, 2014**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Jen Puryear, Terri Mason, Roseana Bess, Robin Jones, Jim McMahon, Andrew Clarke, Kelly Struck, Meredith Wilson, Steve Lee, Rita Smalley, Stephanie Curb, Jennifer McAnallen, Susan Lutz, Joe Babb, Sara Bailey, Teisha Codrington (22)

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from October 2nd, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers report was approved as presented.

Board Report: Last month's October minutes are online on the PTA website.

- **Spirit Nights** - Ledo Pizza was a huge success! We made \$751.12. Thanks to everyone who came out. Please mark your calendars for **Friday Nov. 21st** for the next spirit night at Doodlehooper4kids from 10am-8pm. You will receive a 10% discount on your purchase that day and the PTA will receive 10% of the day's sales; We will also have a spirit night at Yogo Factory in Huntsman Plaza on **Dec. 19th 1pm-8:30pm**. There is a 15% giveback on this event.
- **Fundraising:** We started the Donation Drive "Help Hamilton Soar." Our goal is to raise \$8,300 and we currently have raised \$4,106. If our goal is met, Mr. Fee has agreed to be duct taped to a wall. A newsletter and Facebook information was sent out for those who are able to ask family members to donate. Deadline is Nov. 26th.
- **Spirit Wear:** There will be a possible reopening of selling spirit wear near the second week of Jan and will only be available online.
- **Directory** - It is almost ready. The front desk has to do a final proof. Please contact Renae Soule for more information.

Book Fair and Winter Festival:

- **Winter Festival** - Ed Boak with Fun Services will be helping with our event this year. He will bring games, prizes, wristbands and we need to supply the volunteers. Look for a flyer from the PTA detailing information for cost of presale wristbands, cake walk, and photo booth. Presale to begin next week. We are still looking for volunteers to set up and take down. We have sent messages to the local middle and high schools to have students help that need service hours. We also need Cake Walk donations. Chik-fil-A will be the dinner by pre order only. We will have popcorn, cotton candy, nachos, and drinks. A sign stating the ingredients of each concession will be posted by each machine so parents can check for allergy sensitivities. Discussion was had over whether to continue with Chik-fil-A for the next festival or move to a more allergy friendly meal.
- **Book Fair** - Robin Jones - The Book Fair will be held the week of December 1st. (Dec. 1st is also the set up and teacher preview). The theme this year is "Sir Readsalot Castle." We need morning volunteers around the 9am-1pm timeframe. There is discussion about a book mark contest or a building contest for the students to help them get excited for the event. A flyer will be sent home with more information and show some of the books that can be purchased through Scholastic and Scholastic online. Hours of the book fair are still TBD. Book fair will be open on the night of winter festival.

Faculty Report:

- **Mr. Fee** spoke about his KIT. Please check the Fairfax County calendar for early release and holidays especially now that Thanksgiving is getting close.
- 1st Quarter is over so look for progress reports to be sent home soon.
- HVES has 5 new employees - Welcome!
- HVES found a new building supervisor. He will start Nov. 17th.

- Volunteering in the cafeteria - we have had 4 parents reach out to us so far! There will be training soon.
- Flag Ceremony will be on Tues. Nov. 11th hopefully outside. Boy and girls scouts will be there and we will sing the National Anthem and thank all those who serve or served.
- Thanksgiving lunch will start at 10:15am.
- Fourth, Fifth, and Sixth grade students will soon be taking part in lessons on Human Growth and Development (HGD) as part of the Family Life Education (FLE) Program (**December 12th-18th**). The meeting will be held on **Wednesday, November 12th at 6:30 PM in the Rolling Valley ES Cafeteria**. All program materials and videos will be available for your review at that time. As you may know, parents who do not wish to have their children participate in Human Growth and Development instruction may choose to opt their children out of the lesson. **If you would like to opt your child out of the lesson, please fill out the form that accompanies the FLE letter that will come home with your child and return it to your child's teacher by Friday, November 21st.**
- Parents please make note if you are coming in to pick up your child early from school- try and do so before 3:15. The loop in the front of the school is for buses only and they will not move for you.

Committee Chair Reports:

- **Membership** - currently 343 members and counting. Everyone should have received their membership cards by now.
- **After School Activities** - Survey monkeys were sent by email to get an evaluation of the classes. Bricks 6 week program is completed and we are signed up to do a 12 week program in the spring. We are currently looking to see if we will keep the music class or try and find another class such as art or dance.
- **Hospitality** - Stephanie Curb - We have 9 people signed up for this Friday - still need 3 more.

Volunteer of the Month : The Board recognized Scott Wilson for his outstanding hard work with the school, computer lab, take home reading, and the PTA.

School Counseling Advisory Committee

Dr. Mason and Ms. Berry are here for you and offer a number of services for all ages. Examples are issues in school, military family, special needs, reading help, homework, study habits, goal setting, and transitions. Please contact them for more information. Another Parent University will be in the Spring.

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- Please register your Giant and Safeway cards with us. There is a google doc where you can add your card number in and we will register it for you.
- Please use the Amazon link when doing your holiday shopping this year.
- No PTA meeting for the month of December.

November 11th - Veteran's Day Flag Ceremony and Thanksgiving Lunch

November 21st - Doodlehopper 4 Kids Spirit Night - 10am-8pm

November 26th - Thanksgiving Holiday - 2 hour early release

November 27th-28th - Thanksgiving Holiday - No school

December 1st-5th - Scholastic Book Fair

December 5th - Winter Festival

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm