

**HUNT VALLEY PTA
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 2nd, 2014**

Attendance: Julie Whitehouse, Jodie Langford, Rebecca Fernandes, Kelly Van Buskirk, David Fee, Maura Green, Erica Odum, Anna Doan-Lee, Kim Garlington, Rita Salley, Stephanie Curb, Gary Odum, Jane Antonio, Merry Woo, Jennifer Span, Andrew Clark, Scott Wilson, Cari Weldon, Katie Reese, Susan William, Russell Jones, Kelly Stuck, Jean Frasch, Maria Bittner, Jenni Pak, Maria Babb, Weilum Lo, Meredith Wilson, Jen Puryear, Meghan Derner

**I apologize for any misspellings - Kelly Van Buskirk

Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Secretary's Report: Minutes from September 4th, 2014 meeting were approved as presented.

Treasurers Report: The Treasurers report was approved as presented. The amended budget changes were approved as presented.

Faculty Report:

- Mr. Fee spoke about his KIT. He sends this message out every Friday around 4:15pm. Sometimes messages may be duplicated between the KIT and the PTA Newsletter.
- HVES is in need of a new building supervisor. The previous supervisor, Fernando Marin, retired on Tuesday, September 30th. He has been an absolutely fantastic asset to our staff and community. He has worked at our school for over 16 years and with FCPS since 1989. His commitment to keeping our building clean and safe is obvious to us all. He will be sorely missed.
- 667 students currently in the school which is 40 more than last year. More subdivisions will be built which will generate more students.
- Mr. Fee said that HVES is "closed" if you are not in the boundary.
- Renovation is now being done to WSHS and you can check the website for more information.
- Volunteering in the cafeteria - more info to come about policies and procedures. Mr. Fee is hoping to get more people to volunteer in shifts during lunch between 11:30-12:30.
- Ms. Green spoke about testing updates:
- **Second graders will be taking the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) on Wednesday-Friday, October 21st-23rd.** Letters have been sent home to parents regarding the administration of this test. Parents should not schedule outside appointments before noon to allow time for students to finish each day of testing.
- **Third through sixth grade students who are new to FCPS that do not have a CogAT test on file, will be tested on October 15th and 16th.** Letters were sent home to the families. Results from the CogAT will be sent home to parents as soon as we receive them, probably several weeks from now. Please contact Maura Green, AP if you have any questions.

Board Report:

- **Fundraising:** We will be starting a Donation Drive called "Help Hamilton Soar." Our goal is to raise \$8,300 which equals to around \$12-\$13 per student. If our goal is hit, Mr. Fee has agreed to be duct taped to a wall!! When a donation is made, wings will be given to the student. We also discussed "Penny Wars" and having jugs in front of the school for each grade. A special reward/treat will be given to the grade with highest amount raised.

- **Pyramid Run** - Deadline to register for a t-shirt is Friday October 3rd. It takes place on Saturday October 18th and involves other elementary schools in the area. Each participant is asked to provide canned food donations.
- **Spirit Nights** - Ledo Pizza at Cardinal Plaza on Monday Oct. 20th and Tuesday Oct. 21st. Dine in or carry out. Mention HVES and we will get 20% of sales

Parent University - the West Springfield pyramid school counselors have organized a workshop for parents & guardians to learn about supporting your student's emotional well-being on **October 27th at 7:00PM at West Springfield HS**. Participants can select topics most relevant to them during the three, 35 minute rotations throughout the evening. **Committee Chair Reports:**

- **Movie Night** - First movie night is tomorrow and we are showing Lego Movie at 6:30pm. We will serve a free bag of popcorn per kid. Candy is \$1. Bring blankets and wear Pjs!
- **Membership** - currently 328 members and counting. PTA bucks and membership cards sent home. 17 members will receive their cards later due to the VPTA running out. We beat our goal of 320!
- **Hospitality** - Stephanie Curb - We have 12 people signed up for this Friday!
- **After School Activities** - Going well and all programs were full!
- **Directory** - online form has been successful and will be up until Sunday. Free to PTA members and \$5 additional directories. Please contact Rene Soule for more information.
- **Volunteers** - We need volunteers for the Winter Festival!!! If you have signed the sign up sheet already or are interested in volunteering, please contact Jodie Langford on the PTA website.
- **Room Parents**- Teachers have room parents. The meeting took place on September 24th. Information on class dues will be sent home through email or a handout. .
- **Book Fair** - Robin Jones - The Book Fair will be held the week of December 2nd. (Dec. 1st is the set up and teacher preview). The theme this year is "Sir Readsalot Castle". We will also have a Book Fair in April of 2015. We need morning volunteers around the 9-1pm timeframe. .
- **Winter Festival** - We need volunteers!!! Please contact Jodie Langford for more information. This festival will be Friday December 5th. Look for a Doodle survey of when the next meeting is. The first one is set for Oct. 6th at 9:30am.

Volunteer of the Month : The Board recognized Andrew and Sara Clark for their outstanding hard work with the PTA membership, as our volunteer of the month for September. They have spent late nights stapling, spent time at meetings, and helped at Back to School Nights!

Upcoming Events and Reminders:

- Next meeting is November 6th in the Library at 7pm.
- Oct. 13th is a student holiday
- Oct. 31st is a two hour early release
- Nov. 3rd and 4th are student holidays

The meeting adjourned at 7:50pm.