

Harper PTO Meeting

January 26, 2011

President Elect Michaela Shaw called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

The minutes from the November 17th PTO meeting were approved.

Principal's Report – Dr. Susan Kick

- Every week look for the Harper Happenings. If you are not receiving it, go onto the Harper website.
- The lost and found is in the cafeteria. If ever there is a name in it, it will be returned to the student. If there is not a name in it and no one claims it, it will be donated. The kids are doing a better job of coming to school in hats and gloves. We go outside unless it is 10 degrees or lower or if the black top is icy.
- The carpool is continuing to manage. Please be patient, take your time and look at the rules.
- Kindergarten sign up begins at the end of this month.
- 18 families have now signed up for the Multicultural Fair. It is something new. People can share their culture or heritage.

Faculty Report – Kristin Brown

- Not here.

Treasurer's Report – Cliff Reummler

- Not here.

President's Report - Michaela Shaw for Anne Fitzpatrick

- **Book Fair** - The Book Fair raised \$3900 for Harper. We raised almost \$800 for our sister school, Andrew Cooke Magnet School, to use to buy books for their library.
- **Cafeteria** - The cafeteria is looking for volunteers for February and March. Please contact Shari Hartman or Julie Peterson to volunteer.
- **D39 Foundation** – The upcoming Gripp Grant deadline is February 15th. To learn more about the D39 Foundation and the Gripp Grants, please visit the D39 website.
- **Garden Club** – We are planning to develop a PTO sponsored after school Garden Club and are looking for a parent to chair. The Chair will be primarily responsible for communication and working with teachers and online registration.
- **Community Service Committee (CSC)** – Please consider supporting Donate Your Dollars. Help Harper and the Homeless by donating Grocery Dollars by February 4th. You can donate as little as \$5 from Jewel or \$10 from Dominicks. Since this is through Grocery Dollars, the Harper PTO receives up to 5% of the amount. Please drop off a check in the lobby or go to the PTO website.

- Don't forget to sign up for the **2nd Annual Harper Care Fair** on Saturday, February 26th from 2 to 4 pm in the Harper cafeteria. It's only \$6 for children and the cost covers all materials. Parents are free and must accompany their children. Last year 97 Harper students had a blast creating 1000 fun and meaningful crafts that served ten charitable organizations. The fun dog bowls for Heartland Animal Shelter project will return and some new crafts debut that are sure to be big hits. There is limited space, so please sign-up via Pay Pal on the Harper PTO website under "Pay Here" ASAP. The deadline is February 11th.
- **Family Awareness Network (FAN)** – On February 15th, FAN will present Eat, Sleep, Repeat: Practical Advice for Managing the Essentials. Lisa Shives, M.D., is the founder of Northshore Sleep Medicine, and writes a weekly blog for CNN Health called "Get Some Sleep." Carol Wagner, M.A., M.Sc., is a nationally – recognized holistic nutrition consultant, practitioner and educator, and the founder of Dimensions in Health, Inc. These two experts will each present an overview of current trends in their fields plus offer tips to enhance the nutrition and sleep habits of your family. The presentation is from 7 to 9pm at New Trier High School / Northfield, Cornog Auditorium. Please visit the FAN website at fan-ntts.ntnow.org.
- FAN has an amazing lineup of upcoming presentations, including Dr. Madeline Levine who wrote The Price of Privilege, and Denise Pope the author of Doing School. Both Dr. Levine and Dr. Pope were the powerful voices in the film Race to Nowhere. The event. "Walking the Talk: Aligning Actions and Values for Youth Well-Being" will be held Monday, March 14th at 7 p.m.

After School Programs – Alexis Pesquin

- After School Programs started on January 18th. There are 23 programs running. Some are oversubscribed. Classes include sword play, engineering, spybots, and more. There are 263 spaces occupied and about 140 students. Some students are in two or more classes. So far we have received good feedback.

Civics and Safety - Robin Hungler

- Carpool is in need of volunteers more than ever. We are short on volunteers.
- This spring, at the end of May, the 4th graders will do the bike to Highcrest. We need 15 to 20 parent volunteers. The exact date has not been set yet.

Enrichment – Susan Locke

- There are a lot of great things going on right now. Debbie Miller, an Alaskan author, is coming next week to speak to the second graders. The Jazz Phil Harmonic will be performing on February 2nd. The second grade will be going to the field museum

Grocery Dollars – Tina Reilly

- Grocery Dollars would love more participation. 25% of the school population tried the program, but the last few months have been kind of low. The deadline for next month is this Friday.

Harper gets 5 to 10 percent back from each store. Grocery Dollars goes directly into the PTO and not into the school budget. For example, the PTO pays for field trips. One field trip costs \$800.

Advance to Go

- Advance to Go is still accepting donations . On March 4th, there will be a community building party at the Double Tree. The party is not a fundraiser. So far, ATG raised about \$37,000.

Pass 39

- Dr. Lechner will be speaking on Monday regarding D39 finances.

Guest Speaker: Dr. Lechner on District 39 finances.

President-Elect Michaela Shaw adjourned the business portion of the PTO meeting at 6:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,

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