

HERITAGE HEIGHTS PTA SEPTEMBER MEETING

SEPTEMBER 20, 2010

START: 6:33 PM

END: 8:02 PM

I. Introductions

SUPERINTENDENT – Anthony Day

- Discussed Sweet Home School District Goals
- Shared information about the Amherst Town Board – “Wetlands” Information; sold for \$110,000; funds go to the District
- Homecoming – October 2 (Bond Fire- September 30th)

ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT – Mike Baumann

SWEET HOME BOARD MEMBER, VP -MARIANNE JASEN — Encouraged parents to attend Board

Meetings; reminded parents that meetings are aired Mondays from 7-9pm

II. PRINCIPAL’S REPORT: Mr. Scott Wolf

- Great start to the new school year
- Heritage Heights (HH) thanks PTA for supplying take home folders; parents are reminded to check each night
- Plan to continue with fundraisers (e.g. Pizza Hut, McDonald’s , etc.)
- “Parent Partnership” – focus on partnership instead of the word; it takes all of us to bring success for children
- State Testing – waiting for test results; drastic drop in results; information will be sent home
- Assessment Meeting is scheduled for October 28th – targeting 3rd, 4th and 5th grade parents
- Talent Show – October 22nd – opportunity to bring children and parents together
- New Theme: *Western NY – Rich in History*
- HH is asking PTA for same amount (\$7.00) as in previous years for field trips; using grants, and other resources in the budget
- Next Year – focus on our “Heritage” – 40th anniversary at Heritage Heights (HH)
- Parents are reminded to check the website and Weekly Informer on a regular basis.
- Repeat with McDonald’s Fundraiser – November 10th (NF Blvd, across from Wegmans); Last year approximately \$400-\$500 was raised
- Review HH Family Survey Results – highest level of returned survey; important to have very strong school climate to ensure positive school environment
- Using the survey is a good way to “gauge” how we are doing
- Overall, very pleased with the results
- PTA Results – want parents to feel more “welcomed” with invitation to visit

- Survey Specifics:
 - Survey Question #27 Back to school night attendance (not a good rating) which is why it was changed to a more “Open House” format; idea is to have families to come out and learn more about the school
 - Survey Question #29 Attendance of other school events – low score; what can be done differently
 - Survey Question #31 – Parent Volunteering – low score
 - Survey Question #32 – PTA Membership – low score

* *Global Connect* – Mr. Wolf will not repeatedly use it so that it does not get “over used” and the messages become ignored

Membership Committee - Patti

- 60 current PTA members
- New Members Table will be set-up at *Back to School Night*

Back to School Night - Julie

- All food has been ordered
- Volunteers needed to work GRILL – 6:30 – 7:00 pm
- Volunteers needed to serve 6:00 – 7:00 pm
- Food served – hotdogs, chips, soda, cupcakes (Baking committee)
- \$1.25/\$1.35 - actual cost
- \$2.00 pre-sale ; \$3.00 at the door

Baking Committee – still looking for Volunteers

Entertainment Books – Tammy and her husband Brian are working hard coordinating sales

- \$150.00 has been collected so far in sales; many books are being returned

Cookie Dough Sale – runs through Mid October

Treasurer’s Report – Kris Price – next month there will be a formal report

Fundraising Ideas: (Open Discussion)

- Spirit Halloween Store – lottery is very competitive; first come first serve; 10% of proceeds go to the school; each year six schools are chosen; this year the lottery is already full
- SUNNY Delight Project – table the idea for next year (Tammy Denman recommended but not in attendance at meeting to provide information)

- Valentine's Day Dance – Judy M suggested a February Dance where students could serve parents; Mr. Wolf recommended we plan for next year due to the 40th Year Celebration and full calendar this year
- 70's Disco Theme Dance
- Other ideas- Emergency Car Kits; Pizza Hut

New Information

Halloween Boo Event – October 29th

- SH School District Event; Held at Heritage Heights; (same night as High School Talent Show)
- 100% Proceeds go to Amnesty International
- Questions – Can we use the popcorn machine?
- Will PTA donate the popcorn ?

Respectfully submitted,

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