



## General Membership PTSA Meeting September 30, 2014

### *President's Welcome (Leah Battin)*

- Meeting called to order by Leah at 7:05pm.
- On tables were requests for book recommendations (a new feature in *Hoofbeats*), a call for Fun Run volunteers, and suggestion forms (what you'd like to see happen at PTSA meetings, what you think PTSA should work on, or things we didn't get to during meeting).
- Leah thanked PTSA past-President Andrea Sanders for all the systems that were put in to place for this year's PTSA. Leah introduced the Executive Team, Karen Garner (volunteer coordinator), and Principal Judy Busch.

### *Secretary's Report (Amy George)*

- May 2014 meeting minutes will be presented and voted on at next meeting.
- PTSA has 171 members, which meets the 50% renewal goal needed to earn a Bronze Award from WSPTA.

### *Treasurer's Report (Sukhui Johns and Audrie Starsy)*

- 2014-2015 Budget was presented and reviewed, focusing on the changes to the budget since spring. These include: increase in expense for Fun Run, Staff Appreciation, Volunteer Appreciation, Start of School, and Talent Show. Most changes are due to increased enrollment. The Talent Show was not held last year.
- Michelle Hilhorst reminded the Executive Team about the WSPTA Legislative Assembly, being held on 10/24 and 10/25 in Vancouver, WA. Hazelwood gets 2-3 votes at the assembly.
- Michelle asked about the closing of the books and financial audit. The books were closed on June 30 and everything is reconciled. The financial audit committee was Andre Schimmelbusch, Audrie Starsy, and Leah Battin. The audit is mostly done, except for some outstanding merchant card statements from the auction. The rest of the audit looks great.
- The July and August financial reports were presented. July and August showed little activity, just interest income and eScrip contribution. PTSA will see a lot more activity in September.
- Andrea Sanders made the motion to accept the July financial report as presented. Jennifer Browning seconded. Motion approved.
- Andrea Sanders made the motion to accept the August financial report as presented. Athena Panos seconded. Motion approved.
- Michelle Hilhorst made the motion to accept the 2014-2015 Budget as presented. Jennifer Browning seconded. Motion approved.

### *What PTSA Has Done:*

Thank you Hazelwood volunteers! With your help, PTSA accomplished the following this month:

Organized a Teacher Help Day to set up classrooms	Back-to-School mailing with special edition <i>Hoofbeats</i>	Hosted Meet & Greet with activities and treats
Coordinated First Week of school volunteers	Trained 4 <sup>th</sup> grade Bus Buddies to help with Kinders	Hosted two Linger Longers on first two days of school
Kicked off Mustang Running Club on Fridays	Hosted special Linger Longer for Kindergarten families	Organized Curriculum Night dinner for teachers



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### *What PTSA Is Doing:*

- We need more volunteers to serve as Safety Patrol while the 5<sup>th</sup> grade is at camp from 10/1 – 10/3.
- Fun Run (VP Nakisa Salashoor)
  - Thursday, October 9; rain or shine!
  - PTSA's only fundraiser this year; please get pledges. The goal is \$18,000.
  - Shirts and water bottles are in. Shirts color-coded by grade. 5<sup>th</sup> graders got shirts for camp.
  - There is a surprise guest coming.
  - Runners divided into two shifts: K-2 at 8:45 am and 3-5 at 9:30 am. Teachers like this change.
  - Runners warm up, run, and then cool down with snack. Event will end by 10:30 am.
- Harvest Homecoming & Carnival (VP Gwen Thacker)
  - Friday, October 24 from 6-8:30pm
  - Includes dj, cupcake walk, food vendor, a range of games from little to big kid, pumpkin decorating, and photo wall.
  - Need fourteen 10x10 white canopy "booths" for the carnival games. YMCA is donating four.
  - Also need volunteers for ticket collections. Plan is for two tables at front door and at least one table at back door. Volunteers will sit in one hour shifts.
  - 5<sup>th</sup> grade did so well on Car Wash Ticket Fundraiser that the Goodie Graveyard was offered to 4<sup>th</sup> grade to start raising money for their 5<sup>th</sup> grade events.
  - There will also be a food drive. Extra game/prize tickets are given for food donation. Donations will stock a school food bank and the Renton Food Bank.
  - Cost is \$5 per person (includes 5 tickets) with a maximum of \$20 per family (includes 20 tickets). Extra tickets will be available for purchase. Tickets can be used to play games for more tickets or to exchange for prizes.
  - Look for updates in the weekly PTSA EBulletin.
- Running Club (VP Gwen Thacker)
  - Every late-start Friday on playground. About 25-30 kids are regularly coming with their families. Kids can earn qualifying miles for the Seattle Kids Marathon on 11/28.
- Freebie Fundraising (VP Gwen Thacker)
  - Bring in your Box Tops and Labels for Education. Safeway eScrip members were forced renewed, but people need to renew any credit cards with website.
  - Are we doing another Box Top contest? Yes, PTSA just needs to get it on the calendar and pick a date that works for the school (Dec – Feb).

### *YMCA (Travis Holdren)*

- Travis Holdren is the Program Coordinator at the YMCA Kids University at Hazelwood. Academic Enrichment classes start 10/6 and include Spanish, Lego Engineering, and YMCA Fitness. The YMCA would like to expand this program, so please send ideas to [academicenrichment@hazelwoodptsa.org](mailto:academicenrichment@hazelwoodptsa.org) or drop by after school from 2:30 to 6:00 in the cafeteria.
- The YMCA provided free childcare for parents attending the PTSA meeting.

### *Teacher Liaison (Margaret Strong)*

- Margaret Strong is this year's teacher liaison for the PTSA. Welcome Ms. Strong!



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### *Principal (Judy Busch)*

- Judy thanked PTSA for the Curriculum Night dinner. There was a good turnout for the evening.
- 5<sup>th</sup> graders are at Camp from 10/1 – 10/3. Picture day is 10/16.
- Renton District participating in the Great Shakeout earthquake drill at 10:16 on 10/16.
- Enrollment continues to be tricky (550 last year to 580 this year). For example, there were seven new students since Friday. Hazelwood is not zoned for portables.
  - This was Judy's most complicated opening in 37 years.
  - Office staff and faculty have put in a tremendous amount of extra hours.
  - Hired a half-time PE teacher, Hector Nassar.
  - Hired a new teacher, Jennifer Butler. Furniture ordered for new Kindergarten.
  - Working on moving special education class into computer lab. Computers distributed among classrooms. It will be 2-3 weeks before ready to open this class and new Kindergarten class because it needs painting, a sink installed, and patching of carpets.
- The good news is that the school hasn't had to undo any changes since making the major changes when adding the new Grade 1 classroom.
  - Grades K-2 contract class size is 24, but can go up to 26. Grades 3-5 is 26, but can go up to 31.
  - If a class goes to overflow, teachers can choose to have a para, extra materials, or extra money. However, there is a teacher and para shortage in district, and in entire Puget Sound area.
- Question: have we looked at how out of boundary kids affect enrollment?
  - Only those who were grandfathered in are still at Hazelwood.
  - Judy did not approve any new requests.
- Question: update on new principal search?
  - Judy is not involved in search and has no update; expects it will start up again soon.
  - Leah is not aware that any interviews have been scheduled since school started.
- Hazelwood is not a Title I school, so there are not as many paras. Renton District, like all of Puget Sound area, does not have enough substitutes.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 pm.

### *Reminders:*

- ❖ Join or renew membership before October 1 to be included in the Student Directory!
- ❖ Email [bulletin@hazelwoodptsa.org](mailto:bulletin@hazelwoodptsa.org) to receive the weekly email newsletter.
- ❖ Email [volunteer@hazelwoodptsa.org](mailto:volunteer@hazelwoodptsa.org) to join the "Help As Needed" email list.
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