

Manoa PTO Meeting
Tuesday, February 21, 2017
School Library 7pm

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Meeting called to order by Amy Kraiza

In attendance: Kristin Simmons, Angela Urso, Iain McClements, Amy Kraiza, Alex McClearn, Betsy Berkey, George Ramoundos, Amy McClements, Carmen Bilc, Jenn Teruso, Heather Heckler, Sandy Olsavsky, Mrs. Henry, Ms. Gray

Welcome: Iain McClements

Last meeting minutes approved: Betsy Berkey

Guest Speaker: Sandy Olsavsky (HHS blast) – The high school’s prom is on May 19 and the *Blast* is an after-prom event at the high school from 11:00 p.m - 5:00 a.m. They have inflatables, a café, a casino, a DJ, etc. **They need volunteers to decorate!** The Blast is open to the public from 10:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m. that evening. Preparations have already begun! You don’t have to be in charge of anything or attend the event, but volunteers are needed to help create themed displays. If you’re interested in helping, contact Sandy Olsavsk at sbolsavsky@aol.com.

New Business:

Reading Incentive – raising money for the Ronald McDonald House through the month of February through reading. Can the PTO donate a snack at the end? Whole school will be out in the hallway reading as a culminating activity. PTO voted “yes”. We will provide a simple snack for the school.

Officer’s Reports:

President’s Report – Amy Kraiza

- New organization to the agenda.
- 5th grade fundraiser goes on until Friday the flyers/forms are on the PTO website and on Facebook. The 5th grade gift for the school will be a new Manoa Mustang! There is also a “donate” button on the PTO website. There is discussion about asking homeroom parents to reach out to families about each sending in \$5 donations.
- Variety show – acts are in, music was due Friday, and there is a decorating meeting on Thursday, February 23 at 7:00 p.m. The theme is “Road to Success”. The Variety Show is on Friday March 10th!
- Box Tops – find them on grocery items, cut them out, and send them in with your child
- Amazon Smile – sign up at <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/46-4731507> and an automatic percentage of your purchase goes to the school.
- Chair Reports – There is a link on the website for chair reports which are to be filled out after each event. Please fill it out and hand it in to the PTO mailbox or scan it and send it to manoaptohavertown@gmail.com so we can pass on that information for future chairs.

- Please send any pictures for the 5th grade video to manoagrade5video@gmail.com
- Jump rope assembly was a great success! If you have any assembly ideas, let us know!

Treasurer's Report – Alex McClearn

- On a good financial track, moving in a positive direction.
- Reimbursement forms are on the PTO website. You can send in receipts, take pictures of them and send them to Alex or the PTO email, and we can pay you back directly through PayPal.
- The Square seems to be working well. Give us feedback on what you think.

Corresponding Secretary – Angela Urso

- Continuing to update our Facebook page. Check-in with us on Facebook for event information, fundraising information, and much more.

Principal's Report – George Ramoundos

- Thank you for the awesome jump rope assembly and for Bingo Night!
- Fred Brown will be speaking at the Middle School about PSSA information Wednesday, February 22 at 7:00pm.
- Children are not to arrive at school before 8:30 a.m.
- Car line – Don't drop off on the left-hand side. It's not safe.
- Lunchbox bins haven't been working. Dr. Ramoundos is talking with the district about extending the ledge outside the cafeteria so kids could put lunchboxes up there.
- K-1 reading workshop was a great success! Dr. Ramoundos would like to do similar events for older grades as well.

Staff Report – Mrs. Henry and Ms. Gray

- Thank you for the Valentine's Day cards and treats!
- The kids loved the jump rope assembly! Thank you! It was an engaging assembly and a wonderful message of perseverance.
- Bingo Night was great! Thanks!

Committee Reports:

Ongoing

Yearbook – Angela Urso, Marian Pelton, and Alexis Knorr

- There is a link on FB for photos. Anyone can upload pictures through the link.

IDC – Carmen Bilc, Jim Berkey, Kristin Simmons

- Twilight Run is April 22; for more details go to <http://www.haverfordtwilightrun.org/>
- Denis Gray spoke about the budget and legislative concerns
 - Proposal in Harrisburg to eliminate property taxes for school funding – their idea is to raise income and sales tax instead and Haverford is concerned that they would lose some of the control over our funding.

Review *(A concise report on your event, what worked, what didn't work, suggestions)*

Family Reading Night – Debbie Politano and Kristin Simmons

- Fun night of reading, activities, book bingo, and milk and cookies. About 70 kids came. There was a wonderful donation of books to give to a school in Philly trying to build a library.

Preview (*a quick glance at what's coming up*)

Amy Kraiza

- T-Shirt contest – 5th grade designs a 5th grade t-shirt. The kids create designs, Mrs. Devine narrows it down to 5 designs, and the kids will vote on the winner. The kids will be designing in the next couple weeks.
- Spirit wear will go on sale again soon! The blue and white t-shirts are available online through the PTO website.
- Every spring there are nominations for PTO officers.
- We'll also be looking to fill chairs for next year.
- After the Variety Show on March 10th is the dance will be on April 7th from 6:30-7:30.

Questions & Answers:

Announcements:

- Friday the 24th at the Skatium – 7:00-8:30, wear purple and you get a discount on skates. Stay for the Haverford vs. Lower Merion Hockey game! Learn more at https://www.facebook.com/haverfordskatium/?ref=page_internal
- Wednesday, March 8th from 6:30-7:30, the Social Enrichment Center in Springfield is leading a discussion about transitions into middle school.
- Feed The Fire – A family has organized this event in honor of their son who passed away. This is a fundraiser that gives to fire houses around the country. We'd like to organize our school to donate to one of our local fire houses. This event is March 23rd. We will look into what donations the fire house might like and start a sign-up genius.

VOLUNTEERS ALWAYS NEEDED AND APPRECIATED!

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, March 21 in the library

Motion to adjourn was made at 8:20 p.m. and was passed unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Betsy Berkey