

PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 20, 2015 @ 7 PM

Attendees: Mr. Hammond, Mrs. Koffel, Amy Kraiza, Amy Giacomucci, Missy Bochanski, Kelly Tagliaferro, Alexis Knorr, Vaishali Vora, Johanna Fahringer, Kristin Simmons, Cara Runk, Alex McClearn, Wendy Black Dorn, Betsy Berkey, Lisa Jesse, Megan Garrett, Michele Moresco, Amy & Iain McClements, Gina Catrambone, Kristina White, Therese Menear

Principal Report – Kyle Hammond

- 1) Musical – both of the teachers who organized the musical last year are expecting this year. Looking for help and therefore dates this year are up in the air.
- 2) Parents please be on the lookout for teacher interims coming home shortly

Teacher Representative – Lindsay Koffel

Thank you for continued support of the parents

Old Business

Treasurer's Report – Amy Giacomucci

The PTO has approximately 28K in the budget. There was a question to the PTO asking if the box tops budget should be lowered from 4,000 since that amount was not met last year. The budget was decided to be left as is for box tops

Fall Festival – Amy & Iain McClements

Thank you to Amy and Iain, the fall festival was a success. It was a great day and raised \$6,500.

Spirit wear – Missy Bochanski

Spirit wear sale will be extended another week. Please note that this is the last spirit wear sale before the holiday season, stock up now! A new product will be available soon, a car magnets with the new Manoa logo. A vote was taken by the PTO to buy 500 magnets with colored letters.

New Business

Young Writers Day – Amy Giacomucci

Request for 2 helpers from 7:45 to 9 on 11/20 to help with errands and 5th grade escorts

Learning Express – Amy Kraiza

PTO took a vote to not do this fundraiser again this year. It was lot of work that only yielded \$90 for the PTO.

Directory – Kelly Tagliaferro

Out of the 671 kids in the school, there are still 132 that have not been registered with the PTO – will reach out to homeroom parents to assist. If students are not registered only their name will be printed in the directory. Deadline to register is Monday 10/26 then the directory will go to the printer where it is estimated to take 7-10 days to print.

Committee Chairs - Amy Kraiza & Amy Giacomucci

Please first reach out to Amy K and Amy G if you have questions about your committee. They will coordinate with Mr. Hammond as necessary so as not to bombard him with questions. Thank you for volunteering!

5th Grade Pizza Sale – Cara Runk

The 5th grade is running a fundraiser with Bob's Bake At Home Pizza, located in Havertown. The money raised will be donated back to the school as a gift from the 5th grade. Past gifts include a bench, Manoa mailbox and other items that benefit the school. This year's gift is still to be determined.

Parents will distribute order forms at the Halloween parade. PTO will send out weekly email reminders. There will only be a three week period to sell. If your family likes pizza, please consider purchasing one for the 5th grade fundraiser. Thank you!

5th Grade Car Wash – Michele Moresco

A car wash will be held at Oakmont school circle on 11/1 from 9-3. A sign up genius will be sent out to the 5th grade parents for the kids to volunteer. Proceeds will be used for the 5th grade class gift.

Holiday Fair – Michele Moresco, Megan Garrett, Lauren Sullivan, & Heather Chickery

Fair will be on December 5th from 10-2. Volunteers are needed to help. Vendors are being selected now.

IDC – Vaishali Vora

- 1) Who needs clearances? **Please continue to check the district website for all information regarding clearances. School district guidelines will be updated as clarifications from the state are received.**

<http://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/domain/1188>

Under Act 153 of 2014 (Amendments to the Child Protective Services Law) effective December 31, 2014, as amended by Act 15 of 2015, the Commonwealth of

Pennsylvania now mandates that volunteers in schools must obtain and submit the clearances set forth below in order to be considered for volunteer positions.

*The law defines **Volunteers** as an “adult applying for or holding an unpaid position as a volunteer responsible for the welfare of a child or having direct volunteer contact with children.” “Direct volunteer contact” is defined “care, supervision, guidance or control of children and routine interaction with children.” And “routine interaction with children is defined as regular and repeated contact that is integral to the volunteer responsibilities. This means in part that parents of students who the school has identified as school chaperones on school sponsored field trips or are regularly scheduled to assist in the school during school hours and/or after school at school-sponsored events, who have regular direct contact with children and/or who will be responsible for students, will need to obtain the clearances.*

*Limited contact **visitors** or event participants that are not responsible for students, such as; attendance in an audience, participation in a celebration, incidental role at a school event, guests at parties, or auditing a class on site in a school setting, where students are supervised by professional and/or authorized school staff, will not require clearances. **We are awaiting further guidance and clarification from the Pennsylvania Department of Education and Department of Human Services and will update our guidelines if such clarification is provided.***

- 2) **Haverford Blended School** - The Blended School offers dynamic online courses in combination with traditional classes at the high school, middle school, or elementary school. Students’ schedules are flexible and can be adjusted to meet the student’s changing needs.

<http://www.haverford.k12.pa.us/Page/8627>

- 3) **Haverford Education Foundation**

Applications Being Accepted for Fall 2015 Mini-grants until 11/2/15

<http://www.haverfordedfoundation.org/grantprograms.html>

Next Meeting is November 17, 2015 @ 7 PM in the Library. Meeting dates and Special event dates can be found at manoapto.org