

Hanawalt Elementary PTA



PTA Meeting
February 10, 2014 5:30-7:00 pm
Weitz Commons

Minutes

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Attendees:

Andi Franks
Wendy Van Haaften
Rachel Ford
Andrew Burg
Eric Lovell
Kathy Marek
Danielle Roecker
Kristin Engman
Stephanie Masumura
Melissa Stalvey
Judi Mireles
Dave Musgrove

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Stephanie Masumura, seconded by Wendy Van Haaften
4. Treasure's Report
 - a. Coins Collected for Day in the Arts was \$
 - b. \$1000 deposit from Food sales at Movie Night
5. Update from Mr. Burg
 - a. District sets a consistent date for Kindergarten sign up which will be March 11, 2015 this year.

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- b. Early Literacy Initiative (ELI)
 - i. Tests reading efficiency by 3rd grade to identifying students needing more assistance and makes sure parents or guardians are notified
 - ii. FAST assessment is an assessment given by teachers to students 3 times a year during Kindergarten and 1st in DMPS schools, we will be continuing this to 2nd grade students starting the 2015-2016 school year
 - iii. Similar to other states, starting in May 2017, children who are identified as substantially deficient in reading by the end of 3rd grade must attend a summer reading program or they will be retained in 3rd grade (unless they qualify for an exception).
 - iv. More information: <https://www.educateiowa.gov/early-literacy-implementation>
 - v. Ideas from the PTA group suggested having our group promote more reading activities and reading programs during the summer.
- c. Weitz Commons Cleaning
 - i. Deep cleaning of the cafeteria rotates one half to the other due to the difficult size of the cafeteria furniture
 - ii. Chairs are power washed every other week
 - iii. This has been improved over the years
- d. Hanawalt Elementary and DMPS Websites
 - i. Google Translator option will now translate the web pages into many different languages.
 - ii. PTA will check on options to incorporate this translator into HanawaltCommunity.org site
- e. Children's Choice Challenge
 - i. We are sending 6 teams to the March 10 event held at Des Moines Public Library
- f. Parents University
 - i. Link to more details and event dates:

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<http://vivaeastbank.com/parent-university/>

6. Committee Updates

a. Book Fair

- i. Raised \$2,093 from the Scholastic Book Fair at Movie Night
- ii. \$350 in Scholastic Dollars were given to students that might not otherwise have an opportunity and the remaining funds will go to teachers classrooms (approximately \$90-\$100)
- iii. Options to host the book fair multiples days were discussed
- iv. PTA group discussed that we target 1st Book Fair-Funds for Ms. Doherty, 2nd Book Fair – Funds for Teachers, 3rd Book Fair – Funds for Students in need (to capitalize on Buy 1 Get 1 book sale)

b. Auction

- i. Raised \$6900 with a net of at least \$5500. Great results based on the fact that this auction was much smaller than last year.
- ii. Idea to sell raffle tickets to high demand items like Principal for the Day, etc.
- iii. Good feedback on having the auction at Family Night so many could participate

c. Spelling Challenge

- i. Will kick off and wrap up before Spring Break

d. Spirit Wear

- i. Order forms will be sent out soon
- ii. Contact Emily Christiansen for information

7. Parent Concerns

- a. Concerns around the Crossing Lanes at 56th and Grand and 56th & Ingersoll.
- b. Melissa Stalvey spoke to Christine Hensley about the recent incident where a student was hit by a car in the crossing and

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the overall speed in these areas.

- i. A speed monitor will be placed in the area
 - ii. With support, a blinking sign may be placed at the student crossing area
 - iii. Crossing guards are in place for elementary, but not middle school students. There is current debate on crossing guards because of the big expense to the city when guards are sick and the police must fill in.
 - iv. Melissa Stalvey will be pursuing this focus group
- c. Jr. Great Books
- i. Flyers going out for 1st – 3rd grade
 - ii. More parent volunteers desired – contact Dean Grannes
 - iii. Books have arrived and are a great improvement over previous years
 - iv. Parents meeting will start on Monday, Feb. 16
- d. A Day in the Arts
- i. Sign Up Genius for Parent Volunteers will open Monday, Feb. 16
 - ii. Asking PTA for Pre-paid credit card for expenses incurred before the event
 - iii. Kristi will contact Megan Tempero to discuss approved volunteer questions

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