

Hanawalt Elementary PTA



PTA Meeting
January 13, 2014 5:30-7:00 pm
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Minutes

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Attendees:

Heather Welch Puri
Andi Franks
Carrie Naumann
Wendy Van Haaften
Rachel Ford
Andrew Burg
Eric Lovell
Kathy Marek
Danielle Roecker
Mandy Cospers
Dean Grannes
Samantha Thorpe
Mike Bell

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion by Heather Welch Puri, seconded by Samantha Thorpe
4. Treasure's Report
 - a. Box Tops check received for \$330.50
 - b. Spelling Challenge funds still slowly coming in.
 - c. Amazon Smile Foundation – additional funds possible. More information to come.
 - d. Children's Choice books purchased for 4th and 5th grade

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classrooms.

- e. Heather has spoke with Sarah Grady about choosing extra chapter books to be used during center time. Those are being purchased for 3rd, 4th, and 5th.
 - f. Scholastic Sale purchases used PTA funds to allow for us to get the full 50% discount. Scholastic Dollars are available for future use.
5. Update from Mr. Burg
- a. Reminder to download the Des Moines Public School App for the latest updates and weather related closings. The special code to download the app is: JQZPSD
 - b. Please remember to fill out volunteer applications and contact Diana Thompson with any questions about volunteering.
 - c. Language Project is the new company facilitating Foreign Language club.
 - i. Spanish Immersion Club
 - ii. Used by other schools
 - iii. Subsidies are available, please contact Mr. Burg if more information is needed
 - d. Teacher Leadership and Compensation (TLC) System
 - i. DMPS applied, but was not selected in 2014/2015. 36 schools were selected.
 - ii. DMPS was selected to receive funds for 2015/2016 school year. \$319 per pupil will be paid to the District which is approximately \$10 Million for DMPS.
<http://www.dmschools.org/departments/teaching-learning/teacher-leadership-compensation/>
 - iii. This program compensates teachers for taking on leadership roles.
 - iv. The district makes decisions on where to place the TLC resources. Often, current teachers are hired into the positions and are fully relieved of their teaching responsibilities and their positions are backfilled.

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- v. 88 New Positions are being funded with this grant. 73 Instructional Coaches, 12 Technology Integrators, and 3 Induction. are being filled District-wide. Hanawalt will have 1 Instructional Coach.
- vi. Offers will be made January 31st and any backfill needs for teachers will start after that.

6. Committee Updates

a. Directory

- i. Huge thanks for Rose Green and Erin Lorenzen for all students receiving a copy of the Directory!

b. Auction

- i. Held at Movie Night February 6
- ii. Art Room will be very busy with Art items for auction
- iii. Donated Items available for sale (Bistro Montage, Pool Party, etc.)

c. Movie Night

- i. February 6th
- ii. Movie will be announced shortly
- iii. Pizza, side of fruit, and water available for purchase

d. Book fair

- i. February 6th at Movie Night
- ii. Volunteers Needed for Cashiers
- iii. Vouchers supplied by Scholastic Dollars – Judy Mireilles will help distribute.

e. Spirit Wear

- i. Hoping to have items available to purchase at Movie Night, if not here in time, we will have forms to make purchases.

f. Spelling Challenge

- i. Kick off February 18th to test March 6th and have money back by Spring Break.
- ii. Teachers will generate the word list for each grade's challenge.

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- g. Kid Striders
 - i. 3rd/4th/5th can run Tuesday and Thursday mornings at 7:30am
- h. Teacher Appreciation
 - i. Wednesday, January 21st and is supported by 3rd Grade Parents
- i. Yearbook
 - i. Flyers will be sent out earlier this year
 - ii. Ms. Marek will help with flyer design
 - iii. Kristi will look into what is required in our Lifetouch contract for Spring photos and a possible parent survey.
- j. Day in the Arts
 - i. April 17th
 - ii. Almost all volunteers are finalized and schedule is on track.
 - iii. Idea given to do Coins for Creativity again in February if more funds are needed.
- k. Junior Great Books
 - i. Reading program for Grades 2nd-5th (before or after school), expanding to 1st grade
 - ii. Inventory of books has been dwindling over the years, so \$500 is needed, but takes 6 weeks to receive. The timeline does not appear to work to have Junior Great Books this year.
 - iii. Motion by Kristi Kiefer to approve \$550 for Junior Great Books, seconded by Rachel Ford. We will resume focus on Junior Great Books Fall of 2015.
 - iv. New decision to focus on 1st-3rd grade for Junior Great Books and 4th-5th grade will participate in Iowa Children's Choice.
 - v. There were less parent/guardian volunteers than needed, as well, so an idea for Sign Up Genius next Fall will be used.

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vi. Moving to before school rather than after school.

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