



Hanawalt Elementary PTA
PTA Meeting
November 11, 2015 6:00-7:30 pm
Weitz Commons

Minutes

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Attendees:

Wendy Van Haaften

Rachel Ford

Heather Welch Puri

Danielle Roecker

Andi Franks

Rose Green

Eric Lovell

Kelly Schofield

John Baker

Jill Delancey

Erica Holland

Zac Voss

Julie Hahn

Amy Dagitz

1. Welcome
2. Introductions
3. Approval of Meeting Minutes
 - a. Motion to approve by Heather Welch Puri, seconded by Mike Bell

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4. Treasure's Report

- a. \$1100 Collected so far from Fitness Challenge, which was a smaller fundraiser.
- b. Lawn Maintenance is now in progress – Lawn Ranger donated the first semester of care for free. This is for fertilizing, weeding, etc. not covered by DMPS.

5. Update from Ms. Schofield – School Principal

- a. Some new updates will be in the next newsletter with more details on how they are working to educate all students.
- b. Hallway Leaders applications for 4th and 5th Graders are in progress. Next steps will be interviews for the applicants. This is working to increase their leadership skills.
- c. The teachers are working on routines with students in many areas. Safety Patrol may return based on some of the new routines.
- d. New LED Sign Outside – the base has been installed and the sign should be installed within the month

6. Committee Updates

a. Landscaping

- i. Ms. Schofield will check on mulch for next spring.
- ii. Submitted request for the District to check on the wall of railroad ties in the back play area each year
- iii. Request to have the track sprayed for Bloom Camp Relays. Mr. Baker will ask the District if this is something they can do.

b. KidStriders

- i. Having a lot of fun. There are volunteers, but we could definitely use more. The kids really find the track exciting to run on.
- ii. Kids have QR Codes that the volunteers scan to record their laps. This saves a lot of time.
- iii. The kids have already ran 267 Miles – of the schools that are tracking their miles online, we are in 1st Place!

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- iv. Time Change – there was a misprint, KidStriders will be starting at 7:30 on Tues/Thurs, not 7:15 starting next week.
 - v. Checking on pricing for an electronic board that can track laps which would allow kids to run more often. Ideally, we would get corporate sponsorship to help fund this and grants.
 - vi. Looking at other ways to get more volunteers: universities, grandparents, etc.
 - vii. November 25th has the 30th memorial run for Iowa State University where 7 runners were killed in a plane crash in Waterbury.
- c. Culture Club
- i. Big thank you for the assembly on Friday.
 - ii. Spanish Club – parents are welcome on Monday, November 16th to see what the children have been learning.
- d. Book Fair
- i. Remaining account funds are \$2600. We will decide how to use these funds closer to the Movie Night/Book Fair on February 26th
- e. Spirit Wear
- i. Final order requests will be going out in backpacks on Wednesday, November 11th. All orders will need to be submitted on the website and will close in about 2 weeks. Shirts will be delivered to students or arranged for pickup.
- f. Hanawalt HEAT
- i. Organizing how to get more parents involved and more schools around the state.
 - ii. Rose Green and Heather Welch Puri are meeting with Des Moines Register Education reporter to discuss the issues.

7. Newsletter Deadline – November 15th

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8. Open Committee Positions – please email Wendy
 - a. Treasure-elect, President or Co-President elects
9. New Business
 - i. Looking for someone to lead the Auction for the Movie Night.
 - ii. Ms. Schofield will survey teachers/PTA/parents to identify a new Capital Funds Project.

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