

Horace Mann Elementary School PTO

Meeting Minutes

April 9th, 2015; 8:15am

Teachers' Lounge

Meeting Attendees:

Gretchen Kenagy	Kathy Rolfes	Sara Yount
Laura Davidkhanian	Doug Rainey	Faith Cole
Nicole Cahill	Sarah Fielding	Melissa Watters
Val Desiderio	Ellen Maliff	Beth Siegel
Mrs. Vincent	Jen Harden-Finn	Wendy Barrett
Colleen Dumelle		Lisa Shea

1) Welcome and Introductions:

A. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes:

- A. A motion to approve the March 4th meeting minutes was proposed and seconded. The March 4th meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote, without opposition.
- B. The March 4th meeting minutes will be posted to the PTO website.

3) Principal's Report:

- A. PBIS celebration: "Rope Warrior" is coming.
- B. Kindergarten open house will include a scavenger hunt for children to see different parts of the school. MannWear will be available. A new family brochure is being finalized.
- C. Individual class assignments will be sent via letter this summer. Class groupings will be posted close to the beginning of the 2015-16 school year.
- D. A number of field trips are planned for the remainder of the spring.

4) Student Support Specialist's Report:

A. No report.

5) Presidents' Report:

- A. The PTO has partnered with Principal Cole to make over the teachers' lounge.
- B. The Collaboration for Early Childhood organization received a donation from PTO.
- C. The additional OPEF donation in memory of Peter Traczyk has been sent.
- D. A potential 2015-2016 PTO board slate is being prepared.

6) Treasurers' Report:

- A. We discussed that the budget is healthy and the reserve amount fully funded again.
- B. The Sales Tax Exemption has been renewed through 2020.
- C. Preparations for the 2015-2016 budget are underway.

7) Programs Report:

- A. MannPower numbers are good this year. The third session is up and running.
- B. In-school programs are complete for this year.

8) Volunteer Coordination Report:

- A. Olympic Day will need lots of volunteers!
- B. Room parents will be asked to coordinate class activities during teacher appreciation week.

9) Fundraising Report:

- A. MannWear has some new designs coming this spring. There will be another sale before the end of the school year.

B. The Wire will be the location for the November 14th fundraiser.

10) Community Relations/Special Events Report:

- A. The teacher appreciation lunch will be in May. Teacher appreciation week is May 4th – 8th.
- B. The 5th grade transition ceremony planning is moving along. The 5th grade gift donations are being collected.

11) Green Initiative:

- A. An astronomer from the Adler planetarium will be here on Earth Day.
- B. Bike to school day is May 6th.
- C. Work in the school garden will begin soon.

12) Other Business:

- A. Mrs. Vincent discussed the Odyssey of the Mind program. The Mann student teams did well at the state competition. Two teams from Mann finished 1st and 2nd which qualified them to go to the world competition at Michigan State University. The teams are requesting some financial assistance to cover the costs of attending/lodging. The PTO has provided financial support for this in past years. A vote to provide a partial donation was passed.
- B. RBT discussion by Beth Siegel. Beth attended three sessions regarding the issue of a fixed versus growth mindset.

12) Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 9:45.

Minutes prepared by Sara Yount