

# Horace Mann Elementary School PTO

## Meeting Minutes

February 4, 2016; 8:15am

Teachers' Lounge

### Meeting Attendees:

Venus Hurd Johnson	Kathy Rolfes	Sara Yount
Heather Smedsted	Katie Korrison	Val Desiderio
Sanjay Patel	Faith Cole	Jen Harden Finn
Doug Rainey	Mary Ann Bender	Elvia Nava
Rafael Herrera	Beth Siegel	Ellen Maliff
Laura Davidkhanian	Saritha Reddy	

#### 1) Welcome and Introductions:

A. Meeting attendees introduced themselves.

#### 2) Approval of Meeting Minutes:

A. A motion to approve the November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes was proposed and seconded. The November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes were approved by a voice vote, without opposition.

B. The November 5<sup>th</sup> meeting minutes will be posted to the PTO website.

#### 3) Principal's Report:

A. The first RBT parent meeting occurred at Hatch recently. The Hatch and Mann families participated together.

B. Classroom placement planning for the next school year has begun.

C. The addition of a gate to the blacktop is being planned.

D. Olympic day will be held on the last day of school this year.

#### 4) Student Support Specialist's Report:

A. Student council raised about \$350 on the pajama day fundraiser.

B. Approximately 250 blankets were donated to the community blanket drive from Mann School.

#### 5) Presidents' Report:

A. Planning continues for the Mann Summer Math program for students entering grades 3 - 5. A take-home workbook component would be available to all rising 3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> graders. Students can also sign up for an optional three-week, in-school class (two hours per day, four days per week) taught by Mann teachers. There would be a registration fee for the class. Registration will begin mid-February.

B. The nominating committee has begun planning for next year's PTO board.

C. The new water fountains/bottle fillers will be installed soon.

D. The new A/V system is in the planning stages for the auditorium and the cafeteria.

E. The 5Essential survey needs to be completed by parents.

F. Mann Block Party will be March 12<sup>th</sup>, noon to 3 pm.

G. The girls' choice event is coming up.

#### 6) Treasurers' Report:

A. The budget is on track for the rest of this school year. Mannpower and Mannapalooza both are trending over budget.

#### 7) Programs Report:

A. The MannPower winter session has begun. A question was raised about whether or not it would be possible to offer a few manpower classes during the lunch/recess time.

B. The next all-school program will tie in with black history month. The performance will be on 2/29.

**8) Volunteer Coordination Report:**

- A. The Mann Block Party will need volunteers.
- B. Winter recess volunteers continue to be needed.

**9) Fundraising Report:**

- A. A few auction items remain available.

**10) Community Relations/Special Events Report:**

- A. The teacher's luncheon will be on February 11<sup>th</sup> during parent/teacher conferences.
- B. 5<sup>th</sup> grade transition ceremony planning continues.
- C. Yearbook class pictures will be taken soon.

**11) Green Initiative:**

- A. Earth Day native plant seed program is in the planning.
- B. An eagle scout wants to work on the Mann garden for his eagle scout service project.
- C. There are plans to label all garden plants in both English and Spanish.
- D. May 4<sup>th</sup> is walk/bike to school day.

**12) Other Business:** The 1,000,000 minute reading challenge is finishing up. The school prize is being determined.

**12) Adjournment:** Meeting adjourned at 9:15am.

Minutes prepared by Sara Yount