Huron Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

March 7, 2016

Parents present: Jessica Thompson, Melody Smith, Julie Kler, Jennifer Crooks, Kim Price

Teachers present: Richard Eckman, Mike Simon, Jaime Leslie, Tara Koch, Rebecca McTaggart

1. **Call to Order**
2. Meeting was called to order at 4:12pm
3. **Introductions**
   1. Introductions were made. We had 5 parents and 5 teachers/staff attend.
4. **Approval of January Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved by Mr. Simon and seconded by Jennifer Crooks.
5. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Taste for Education Taste Fest is on March 23, 2016. Tickets are $45.00 per person, this is a fun event and all of the proceeds go back to the students.
   2. District Accreditation process was last week from Sunday through Wednesday. O with a sense of community and commitment. Areas of improvement that were recommended included tightening curriculum across grade levels and having cultural sensitivity and diversity trainings. The committee stated that they are recommending the district for accreditation.
   3. March is Reading month, be sure to check out the calendar with all of the reading activities.
   4. Lego Robotics had a competition this past Friday evening. Two of the events took 3rd place, overall the team came in 4th.
   5. This Saturday March 12th is Science Olympiad for the District.
   6. Special’s Night was awesome. Thank you to all of the Specials Teachers for making it a success.
   7. Portable Microphone System- Mrs. Koch has spoken with a parent who is very knowledgeable about speak systems. Mrs. Koch is going to work on getting 3 quotes to present to the PTO.
   8. Podium- The current Podium is old and very tall. This has been identified as something that the school would benefit from. Mrs. Koch is going to work on getting 3 quotes to present to the PTO.
6. **Treasurers Report**
   1. January and February Budget reports were handed out.
7. **Staff Business/ Information**
   1. None Identified
8. **Events Report**
   1. Old
      1. Huron’s Got Talent- There were 26 acts, it went great and the kids love doing it. Discussion over the possibility of making this annual rather than biannual.
      2. Carnation Grams- This was a successful fundraiser, 43 dozen carnations were purchased and every seemed to enjoy getting them.
   2. New
      1. School Store- The next school store is March 16th during lunch.
      2. Book Fair- Book Fair will be March 22-24. There will be a time for parents to shop during Spring Fling.
      3. Spring Fling- Spring Fling will be on March 24th from 6:30pm to 8:00pm. There will be pizza to purchase, dancing and 3 bounce houses. Jennifer is going to call the Clinton Macomb Library to see if they will come and do a community outreach program.
      4. Restaurant Night- On March 31st there will be a restaurant night at Apple Annie’s and on April 22nd there will be a restaurant night at Chuck E Cheese.
      5. Elections- All of the positions, except for Corresponding Secretary are open for next year. Ms. Leslie will be chairing the election committee.
      6. Bi-Laws- The bi-law committee made up of Courtney Courtney McKenzie-Moore, Jessica Thompson and Melody Smith have proposed the following amendments and they were approved by Jennifer Crooks and Seconded by Kim Price.
         1. Article V- Financial Procedures adding in number 7. Prior to our annual budget meeting, the PTO Board must request the AS400 and office ledger book from the office Secretary at Huron Elementary.
         2. Article X- Section 2, The checkbook must be reconciled by July 7th (previously June 30). All new officers must be signed on the account by July 10th (previously July 1).
      7. Family Night at Huron- This event has been cancelled for this year.
9. **Open Discussion**
   1. Scholastic Book Fair- Scholastic has already been contacting Jennifer Crooks to schedule dates for next school years book fair. Jennifer is going to use the same general times as this year as it seemed to work well.
   2. Field Day- Mr. Simon stated that he will need at least 20 volunteens to assist with field day. There will also be Watch Dogs present to assist. Jessica Thompson proposed that a 4th inflatable be added due to the long waits for students to bounce in them. This was approved by everyone in attendance. Jessica Thompson will contact the bounce house vendor to inquire about the 4th inflatable. Field day is scheduled for June 3rd, with a rainout date of June 10th.
10. **Adjournment**- Meeting called to a close at 5:06pm.

Minutes Submitted by Melody Smith