Huron Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

November 16, 2015

Parents present: Jessica Thompson, Courtney McKenzie-Moore, Julia Oody, Kelly Valenza, Melody Smith, Julie Kler, Jennifer Crooks, Dawn Graham, Jamie Wallace, Emily Thomas-Cutlip, Shawnte Thomas

Teachers present: Deb North, Melissa Bettini, Jeanne Forbes, Laura Heck, Tara Koch

1. **Call to Order**
2. Meeting was called to order at 4:15pm
3. **Introductions**
   1. Introductions were made. We had 11 parents and 5 teachers/staff attend.
4. **Approval of October Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved by Kelly Valenza and seconded by Emily Thomas-Cutlip.
5. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Huge Thank You to Jennifer Crooks, Jessica Thompson and the entire PTO for all their hard work on the Cookie Dough/Entertainment Book Fundraiser.
   2. PEN night is this Thursday November 19, 2015 for Kindergarten through 2nd grade. Families can still RSVP to attend. There will be dinner and games to play as a family.
   3. Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC)- The first Huron CAC meeting will be on November 30th at 5:00pm. There will be 3 CAC meetings this year.
   4. Promoting Positive Parenting Group- There will be a parent education power point presentation at the PEN night. There is also a link to this power point on the school’s website. Jamie Wallace is Huron Elementary’s parent representative.
6. **Treasurers Report**
   1. The proposed budget for the 2015-2016 year was reviewed. Changes include an identified surplus, changing Bunny Hop to Spring Fling (in order to attract older students), and adding in expenses for the PTO, Special Teachers, and School Improvements. There was also a discussion of ways to raise awareness of what events the PTO helps to sponsor or pay for.
7. **Staff Business/ Information**
   1. Miss Heck discussed that this year Report Cards will be given out on a Wednesday (December 2nd) rather than a Tuesday.
8. **Events Report**
   1. Old
      1. School Store/Ghoul Grams- It was discussed that the school store is a fundraising event. The school store was successful and the possibility of having school store again in January rather than later in Spring was discussed. Ghoul Grams did very well and made approximately $200.00.
      2. Chuck E. Cheese- There were a lot of Huron Families that attended this event.
   2. New
      1. Cookie Dough and Entertainment Books Fundraiser- This fundraiser was well received by families. Jennifer Crooks is having continued conversations with Entertainment books to resolve concerns including: individuals not receiving their prizes due to being on back-order and families not receiving their orders.
      2. Spirit Wear- Order forms for Spirit Wear will be coming home this week.
      3. Huron’s Got Talent – Auditions are this week on Tuesday November 17th and Wednesday November 18th in the gym. Parents are encouraged to attend the auditions with their children.
      4. Movie Night- Movie Night is on November 24th, with doors opening at 6:15pm and the movie starting at 6:35pm. The movie will be Inside Out. Families can pre-order pizzas for $10.00 per pizza or $2.00 per slice. This will be from Carlos pizza. There will also be popcorn, ring pops, snacks, pop and water available for sale.
      5. Santa Shop- Santa shop will be December 7th through 11th. Teachers have been scheduling when their classes will go shopping. Parents can sign up to work a shift setting up the week before or working during the week of Santa Shop. There are multiple slots to volunteer for. There will also be raffle prizes that can be won by those who volunteer.
      6. Cookies and Cocoa with Santa- This will be held on December 8th from 6:30pm to 7:30pm. It was discussed that in order to have time to properly set up, doors will not open until 6:30pm. There will be cookies, cocoa and pictures with Santa.
9. **Open Discussion**
   1. By-Laws- The Huron PTO will be forming a committee to review and amend the Bi-Laws. Courtney McKenzie-Moore and Jessica Thompson have volunteered to be part of the committee.
10. **Adjournment**- Meeting called to a close at 5:18pm.

Minutes Submitted by Melody Smith