Huron Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

October 19, 2015

Parents present: Jessica Thompson, Courtney McKenzie-Moore, Melissa Soriano, Julia Oody, Kelly Valenza, Melody Smith, Julie Kler, Kim Price, Jennifer Crooks

Teachers present: Amy Hinkle, Deb North, Rick Eckman, Stephanie Skowneski, Laura Heck, Tara Koch

1. **Call to Order**
2. Meeting was called to order at 4:11pm
3. **Introductions**
   1. Introductions were made. We had 9 parents and 6 teachers/staff attend.
4. **Approval of September Minutes**
   1. Minutes were approved with changes by Courtney McKenzie-Moore and seconded by Jessica Thompson.
5. **Principal’s Report**
   1. Tea with Tara is tomorrow morning from 9:00am until 10:00am. This is an informal way to ask questions, discuss concerns, etc and is different than CAC and PTO. Last year this helped to get 2 additional paid parking lot positions (crossing guards).
   2. Citizens Advisory Committee has 2 different committees: Superintendent and Huron Elementary.
      1. Superintendent CAC has 4 parents from Huron that sit on it. They are starting the 3P’s initiative which stands for Promoting Positive Parenting, watch for tips, ideas, strategies, etc. that focus on a growth mindset. Jamie Wallace will be representing the voice of parents.
      2. Huron CAC will meet 2 to 3 times throughout the year. Huron’s first CAC meeting will be some time in November and everyone is invited. It is a great time to discuss academics and the district.
   3. For the first time in the Chippewa Valley School District, the District is looking at getting a district accreditation rather than individual school accreditation. In order to get this, school improvement surveys have to be completed by at least 20% of parents, 40% of students and 60% of teachers.
   4. Bright Smile will have tooth fairies coming to Huron Elementary in November to clean students’ teeth at no cost as long as a parent fills out the form.
6. **Treasurers Report**
   1. The proposed budget for the 2015-2016 year was reviewed. Changes including Harvest Fest being income, not expenses, book fair no longer being income (profits were taken in the form of Scholastic Dollars to utilize as reading incentives) and Entertainment/Cookie Dough being more profitable than originally planned were all discussed. Budget with discussed changes was approved.
   2. The field trip subsidy was increased from $7.50 per student to $10.00 per student.
7. **Staff Business/ Information**
   1. Miss Heck discussed conferences being in November this year rather than in December. The goal is to help students get on track earlier. There will be discussion about how a student is doing and the progress they are making, but there will not be report cards.
   2. Dates to remember- November 3rd is a professional development day, Conferences are on November 4th and 5th and there are half days on November 5th and 6th.
8. **Events Report**
   1. Old
      1. Harvest Fest- Harvest Fest was a success and feedback was good. There were 417 children who trunk or treated from the count of candy that was donated. There was feedback that there was not enough information to let people know where things were. The Volunteens did a great job.
      2. Book Fair- The Book Fair went fantastic. During this book fair profits were taken in the form of Scholastic Dollars which will be used for reading incentives throughout the year. There will have to be 3 sales throughout the year to get incentives. All of the students who earned summer reading certificates brought them in to use during the book fair.
   2. New
      1. Recording Secretary- Melody Smith has volunteered to be the Recording Secretary.
      2. Cookie Dough and Entertainment Books Fundraiser- Everything for this is being picked up tomorrow morning. Items will be delivered to the school on November 12th and pick up is from 3:00pm to 6:00pm. In order to help parents remember to pick up their orders, there will be a Spirit Day.
      3. School Store- The first school store is on October 28th during lunch. All items are 50 cents to $5.00. Kindergarten and First Grade will be brought down to shop before lunch, all other students can shop during lunch.
      4. Ghoul Grams- These will be sold on October 28th and 29th for 50 cents each. They will be small bags of candy.
      5. Spirit Wear- Husky tee-shirts were purchased for all new students and those in 5th grade who were previously in a split class and now had the same color as Kindergarten. There will be new Spirit Wear for sale, including: sweatpants, drawstring backpacks and a variety of clothing. There will also be different styles such as a distressed H and the words Huron Husky without the picture of the Husky.
9. **Open Discussion**
   1. Restaurant Night- The first restaurant night is scheduled for November 10th at Chuck E Cheese. If staff attend they can get a free pizza or salad bar by showing their staff ID.
   2. Huron’s Got Talent- The auditions for the talent show are on November 17th and 18th. The talent show is on January 29th. This year when a student auditions with a specific act, that will be the act that they have to perform due to the difficulty of planning if multiple students are changing what they want to do. Also during auditions students should only be present during their audition time. This will be a bi-annual event so it is extremely important for 4th Graders to participate if they want to as it will not be held next year.
   3. Movie Night- The first movie night will be on November 24th. Inside Out was discussed as a possible movie option.
10. **Adjournment**- Meeting called to a close at 5:11pm.

Minutes Submitted by Melody Smith