

PTA MEETING

January 6, 2010

Meeting called to order at 9:35 am

Pledge of Allegiance

Motion to suspend the reading of the minutes, motion accepted

Guest Speaker: Councilwoman Susan A. Berland – Town of Huntington Red Dot Program

Guest Speaker: Jody Brower, RN – Lice and Flu Prevention

Presidents Report:

- Welcome and Happy New Year!
- Attendance Sheets - Everyone please sign in on the appropriate sign in sheet. Class parents must be paid members of PTA and attend meetings
- Membership – Please join. Membership is down 80 people from last year.
- Helping Hands sheets will always be on the table – please sign up to help
- Blood Drive Class Parent Meeting – Tuesday, January 12th @ 9:30 am in the Cafeteria
- Correct Talent Show dates: K-2 show is Feb. 26 and 3-5 show is March 5 @ West Hollow
- Movie Day: January 18, 2010 – Flyer has been sent home
- Founders Day – March 18, 2010 @ the Melville Marriott
- HHH Idol Semifinals: Sat. January 23 @ 7:30 pm @ HS East
Sat. January 30 @ 7:30 pm @ Candlewood
Tickets available for purchase now
- HHH Relay for Life 2010 – Kickoff meeting 01/14/10 @ 8 pm @ The Fran Greenspan Admin. Center (Relay will be Sunday, June 6, 2010 @ West Hollow) Carnival Theme
- Spring Fling update – April 29, 2010 @ Carlyle on the Green. Class parents check the bags in the classrooms and take home the items that have been donated. Box will be put outside the library for gifts and baskets that people would like to recycle and donate to the event.
- PARP – Read, Reuse and Recycle is the theme. Author from the Tractor Mac Series will be kicking off PARP. Collection of Caprisun and Water Bottles to recycle. Signal Hill and HSE are the 2 schools that recycle the most in the district.
- Memory Book Cover contest. Send in your children's pictures by Monday 1/11

Thank You:

- Shop & Dine, Holiday Boutique, Book Bonanza, Seasonal Decorating, Membership, Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Big Help, Box Tops, Birthday Book Club, Website and all other volunteers who helped out!

Treasurers Report:

1. Shop & Dine - \$2062.23
2. Holiday Boutique - \$ 2611.59

Correspondence:

Thank you cards from the office Staff for all of the generous holiday gifts

Teacher Representatives Report:

Kids loved the Holiday Boutique. Teachers are very excited for PARP. Recycling theme will help to make great citizens of the children

Principals Report:

- Kindergarten Registration is coming up. If you know of anyone new to the district with a 4 year old please let them know they need to contact the school to get their name on the list
- Please sign up for the Parent Portal if you have not already done so. Next year all report cards will be online. No paper report cards.
- Thank you for all the holiday gifts and good wishes.
- Pull up and drop off is only for 9:00 – 9:15 arrival. It is not for Extra Learning or Band/Orchestra/Chorus Rehearsals
- Once again, please don't come back to school to pick up forgotten homework or books
- Math Pilot Program. Evaluations will go out at some point to get parent feedback on how they feel about the programs. If your child is having difficulty in Math, please alert the classroom teacher. All children will learn every part of the Math Curriculum by the end of the year, even if it is in a different order from another class on the grade level.

Council Report:

- Be proactive, talk to your kids about drugs
- First Hybrid bus went out this week. No reports on that yet
- State Aid money is delayed coming in
- Students in HS will be able to choose their classes online on the Portal
- Music Roundtable coming up
- February 11th – PTA training
- Booster seats for children up until the age of 8. New law in NY State 4ft tall and 60 lbs

Committee Reports:

AHAP: no report – next meeting 1/22

Allergy: next meeting 10:00 am on 1/26

Arts in Education: West Hollow Candlewood combined play will be Beauty and the Beast. Hills on Stage tickets become available next week. Two assemblies coming up this week. Next meeting 2/2

Budget: Spoke about the delay of State Aid money – next meeting 1/7

Community Awareness: Delay in State Aid was the topic. Community section on HHH website has community updates. Next meeting 1/11

Diversity: Unity Fair will be March 21st @ HSW. Signal Hill is responsible for rice and pasta dishes. Next meeting 1/13

Education: Director of Science spoke about the district approach to Science. “Hands on, Minds on” Next meeting is this Friday 1/8

Facilities: Met the new director of Facilities. District is prepared for snow removal. Traffic light by HSW has begun. It will be a green or red light all the time. No yellow or flashing. Signal Hill parking lot plans were sent to the State at the end of December. We are hoping for it to be done over the summer. Pea gravel should be put down after snow has melted and then the Playground can be used. Next meeting 1/22

Legislation: Legislative Brunch Feb 4th at 11:00 at CO to say thank you to representatives. Next meeting is on January 12th at HSE at 11:15. Meeting is open to all.

Nutrition: Guest Speaker from the NYSC in Deer Park spoke about a program to help get children physically fit. The number of overweight children has increased. This Saturday from 12-3 the NYSC at Tanager Outlets is having an Open House to introduce this program. Also discussed was the short amount of time that children are allotted to eat their lunches. Next meeting is Jan 19th.

PRC/Networking: Upcoming workshop topics: January 19th - Bullying, Feb 9th - How to raise a successful child. April 20th - Sexting

Publicity: Any events please e-mail updates to her so that she can update it on the web site, which is updated every Sunday. Next meeting – 1/29

School Board: no report – next meeting 1/11 @ 8:00 pm @ Otsego

Special Education: no report - next meeting 1/20

Special Events: no report – next meeting 2/9

Task Force: next meeting January 21st - Putting together a panel to explain to the parents what is going on with Drugs in our schools. Also to explain about the District Policy on Drug Tolerance. Dog sniffing has already been used in our High Schools and will probably be done in the Middle School.

Transportation: Make sure your children are at their stops even in the cold weather. Don't wait in the house because that delays the buses. Keep them moving. Label hats and mittens if you want them back. Make your road or driveways safe for the buses. Next meeting – 1/14

Wellness: no report – next meeting 1/25

Upcoming Events:

January:

- ✓ Winter Concert (Band/Orchestra) – Thurs. 1/7 @ 7:30 pm
- ✓ Class Parent Blood Drive Meeting – Tues. 1/12 @ 9:30 am in the cafeteria
- ✓ Movie Day – Mon. 1/18 @ Elwood Movie Theater
- ✓ School closed for Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day 1/18
- ✓ Kindergarten Cap & Gown Photo Day – 1/20
- ✓ Kidingo – 1/22, 7:00-8:30 pm @ Signal Hill
- ✓ PARP Begins – 1/25
- ✓ Book Swap – 1/27, 7:00-8:30 pm @ Signal Hill
- ✓ Kindergarten Registration – 1/25 through 1/29
- ✓ HHH Idol – 1/23, 7:30 pm @ HS East – 1/30, 7:30 pm @ Candlewood
- ✓ Hills on Stage – 1/29, 1/30 & 1/31 @ HSE

February:

- ✓ Blood Drive – Tuesday, 2/2 – 3:15 – 8:30 pm
- ✓ Valentine's Salute to Support Staff – Friday 2/12
- ✓ School Closed for President's Day and Winter Recess – Mon. 2/15 through Fri. 2/19
- ✓ School Re-opens Monday 2/22
- ✓ Talent Show Rehearsal K-2 – Mon. 2/22 @ 4:00 pm @ West Hollow
- ✓ Talent Show K-2 – Friday, 2/26 @ 7:00 pm @ West Hollow

******Important Date Changes from District Calendar******

Movie Day: Now Monday, January 18th @ Elwood Movie Theater

Talent Shows: K-2 is now Friday, Feb. 26 @ 7:00 pm @ West Hollow

Talent Shows: 3-5 is now Friday, March 5 @ 7:00 pm @ West Hollow

Garden Boutique: Now Friday, April 30, Monday, May 3, & Tuesday, May 4

Teacher Recognition Breakfast: Now Friday, May 14

Math Fair: Now Tuesday – Thursday March 2, 3 & 4

Next PTA Meeting: Wednesday, February 3, 2010 at 7:30 pm in the Signal Hill Cafeteria