



HGS Parent Forum Meeting minutes

Date/Time:	January 15, 2015/ 6:20pm
Place:	HGS Multipurpose Room
Chair:	Megan Swann, PF vice-president
Number of Members Present:	27 members, 5 officers: Megan Swann, Anne Cummins, Kerri O'Boyle, Nanette Colachino and Renee Samuel

Fundraising events...

1. Box tops are ongoing, please cut them before handing in
2. Spirited Art in February. This would be an opportunity for parents to get together socially. Cost is \$35 per person and \$10 goes back to the school. Those attending can bring their own wine, snacks, etc. Any questions, please contact Kerri O'Boyle at kerri.haza@gmail.com.
3. Montage Ski Club... update...Wednesday night and Sunday during the day and night. Open to anyone, you don't need to sign up ahead of time, can try once. Snow tubing is also an option. Ski lessons for ages 6 thru adults. Form is on the HGS website. Jamie Jennings or Jenny Whittaker for Wednesday afterschool (but if school is closed, they will allow us to come for 1pm lessons opposed to 6:15pm) and Darrin and Martha Bamkin for Sunday. Email and let advisor know you are coming. Snow tubing cost is \$11 without skiing. May be more expensive on Sunday because it is the entire day.
4. Swimming at Weston Field about 25 people attended.
5. Ice Skating at Revolution Ice Center in Pittston Jan. 31 3:30-5, cost is \$10pp and includes admission, rentals and hot chocolate. No charge to just watch. No reservations needed, pay there.

6. Montage membership sales raised \$400

Montage Concert Series Fundraiser...volunteer to work and 20% of sales come back to HGS. In process of finding out new contact person. Training is one night for a few hours, test given in the same night.

HGS apparel sale raised approx. \$200. John looking into a website and having items in the school store.

School store: John and Lori Lane to run school store which will run during lunch/recess a few days a week with HGS items, pencils, notebooks. Start slow and open in March. Incorporate the students to keep inventory and work the books.

Yearbook...Karoline Mehalchick...chair of yearbook committee. Flyer about ad sales. Volunteers needed to take care of classroom pages for primary and upper classes. Seniors will each get their own page and will run differently. Coordinate with classroom parents and teachers to get photos throughout the year of events. Pictures can be uploaded to the yearbook website and can be shared throughout the year.

Ad sales for financial support...trying to defray the cost and hoping to cover the entire cost so every student will receive one. A family can buy an ad page or a business. Can also ask community businesses to provide ads. Susan Hynds is coordinating the ad sales. Email her at suziq226@msn.com for format of ads. Must have a commitment and payment by Feb. 15.

PF Directory...Susan Hynds put directory together in a PDF format. If you are not in it and want to be, fill out parent volunteer form to have your name included. It will updated regularly throughout the year. Email Anne if you need the link. Info was distributed before Christmas.

Recap...Winter Holiday Celebration Julie Korponai and Joy Nelson. 250 people attended, photos with Santa uploaded to Snapfish, holiday crafts, holiday treats, Glee Club and ukulele performances. Only about \$100 was spent on the event. We will revisit to determine if we will hold annually.

Enrichment Programs...afterschool programs including SCAMPs. Look at some of the colleges which offer programs ie robotics, typing, language, arts and technology, sports. Any ideas are welcomed. SCAMPs can be either morning or afternoon. Graduate assistants can coordinate a program.

Kindness Club...recruit members through playing a video in the classrooms for kids to learn what it is.

Examples: Doing good deeds for our neighbors, snow shoveling, raking, etc; visiting a nursing home, citywide clean-up, Habitat for Humanity. Pay It Forward acts...leave notes of encouragement in books so others can find them, buy coffee for a stranger, smile at a stranger

*****Help Jenn Live-r Longer***** Georgette's daughter is in need of a liver transplant. Exploring ideas for the fundraiser they are having. Basket raffle, live bands, auctions, food sales. Committees will take any donation. Sunday March 29th at Ice Box in Scranton. FB page <https://www.facebook.com/liverlonger>.

Treasury Report: Nov \$10,776.85, check from Montage for \$1938, another check from magazine sales for \$435, WHC spent \$100 out of pocket, \$400 Montage membership. \$11, 413.29 current balance.

Teacher request form to request money from the PF; under \$250 PF officers to decide. Jade asked for money for the teacher of the month acknowledgement \$180. Teachers are chosen through spot a star cards, students nominate teachers and a teacher cannot receive more than once in a school year.

Presentation: Jenny Kerzetski & Holly Zahradnik, Intermediate grades 3 and 4, assisted by Michele Wall

What's going on in the classroom...Multiple Intelligences

1. Linguistic Intelligence... Book reports, creating narratives-ELA and they can present and illustrate, and parts of speech through songs, jingles and performances
2. Spatial intelligence... picture smart, designing classroom maps, examine pictures and photos of book being read in class, visualization with sketches to increase comprehension
3. Musical intelligence... Raps for math, parts of speech album-ELA, music class, music videos are available to watch on google classroom
4. Naturalist intelligence...nature smart... outdoor education, reading, science, art, music; outdoor classroom all subjects when the weather improves
5. Bodily and Kinesthetic intelligence.... Motions-help kids remember reading literary elements, whole brain learning...using both sides of the brain instead of just one, through dance, kids teach each other
6. Interpersonal intelligence.... Group work option, whole brain learning happens when you are forced to work with others
7. Intrapersonal Intelligence...self-smart... Independent folders in cultures, math, ELA (English language arts), independent work option
8. Logical mathematical intelligence...Number smart... board games, math, ELA, puzzles, counting and number games, money ball, money bingo

Projects.... Kids fill out a survey to see what their greatest intelligence is and they choose a project based on that. Kids have designated time to work on it in class or they can work on it when they complete other work earlier. They present on it at the end of the year.

News and Updates, Questions/Comments/Concerns

Scranton School District bus schedule changes...only one working day notice, 85 mins for some students each way, solutions??

Lack of recess... trying to find activities that incorporate movement, there is a committee in the works, Looking into getting a divider for the gym to have a place for non-sedentary activity.

Mandarin grant has been cut. Students will have Mandarin for a trimester and then it is rotated.