



HGS Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Monday, November 7th 2016 at 7:00 PM

Place: HGS Multi-purpose room

Chair: Kerri O'Boyle, PF President

Number of Members Present: 30 members, 4 PF officers: Kerri O'Boyle- President, Ilona Ezbiansky-PF Vice-President Jennifer Wolff- Secretary, Susan Hynds- Treasurer, Larissa Allspaugh- PF Volunteer Coordinator and Renee Samuel- Fundraising Coordinator. Also in attendance, Maria Rozaieski-Principal.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Pre-Primary Teachers to present: Arielle May and Sara Wintermute
- Title 1 Reading/Math
- Ski Club
- Fall Bazaar
- Family Fun Night
- Winter Holiday Celebration Updates
- Volunteers
- Treasurer's Report
- Bingo Updates
- Questions/Comments

Business:

1. Welcome and Approval of the Minutes

Kerri O'Boyle, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Wednesday, September 14th, 2016. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

2. Primary Teachers Present:

- A. Arielle May and Sara Wintermute gave an overview of what they do in the classroom and the 5 parts to the Montessori style of learning. The 5 parts include:
 - a. Practical Life- Focuses on the whole child and promotes a more well-rounded individual.
 - b. Sensorial- Focuses on the Child's use of all 5 senses
 - c. Language- A complete literacy program in which children are able to work at their own level and work out of their own level-appropriate workbooks.
 - d. Mathematics
 - e. Culture- Includes culture, science, geography, and yoga

- B. Kerri took a moment to introduce Amy Ryan, our new school nurse, to everyone at the meeting. Upon being introduced, Amy talked more about her background and who she is, and closed with saying that she would be happy to answer any questions.

3. Title I Reading and Math

- A. Jeri Hubbard spoke about some of her favorite tools to aid in reading:
 - a. Subscription to Reading Connection
 - b. Read Aloud
 - c. She encourages the parents to read every day and even after children know how to read themselves. It is still important for our kids to hear us reading to them.

4. Ski Club

- A. Darren Bamkin gave an update on this year's Ski Club:
 - a. Ski Club will run 2 days every week- Monday's 4 to close and Sundays 12 to close.
 - b. Anyone who participates will have to sign a release form.

c. He already has the pricing for this season and encouraged any parents who have questions about the pricing or anything else to speak to him after the meeting.

5. **Fall Bazaar**

- A. Susan Hynds gave an update on the Fall Bazaar, which will be held the Sunday after this meeting, November 13th, 2016, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm.
 - a. 39 vendors in total with all vendor slots being sold out
 - b. Kids' Activities- All free included in the price for the parents. Kerri O'Boyle said to please note there is a \$5 admission fee for all adults going into the Fall Bazaar
 - c. Basket of Cheer and 50/50 Tickets- Susan added that she is still taking basket donations.
 - d. Bake Sale- Anyone can contribute to this. Ilona Ezbiensky is in charge of it so if anyone has any questions you can talk to her.
- B. Sign-up Genius- Susan mentions that she sent out an email to anyone who has expressed interest in helping out with setting up the event, volunteering at the actual event, and/or cleaning it up when its over. She created the Sign-up for the variety of positions that need to be filled and to give volunteers a chance to commit to particular slots.

6. **Family Fun Night**

- A. Jenny Whittaker passed along all of her information and documents so that it could be a more seamless transition for whoever takes this on next. Ilona Ezbiensky is more than happy to help step in as the temporary coordinator. However, she is not able to take this on permanently.
- B. The date of the next Family Fun Night is November 17th from 5:00-6:00 pm for swimming at Weston Field. Ilona mentions that we could extend it for an extra hour so that the kids and parents could enjoy pizza. Everyone was on board with this idea.

7. **Winter Holiday Celebrations**

- A. Kerri O'Boyle gave an update on the Holiday celebration, which will be held On Saturday, December 10th from 11 am to 2pm. The event will include:
 - Santa photos
 - Crafts for kids
 - Contribution from the Art Club
 - Performance by the Ukulele Club and a few songs performed by the students studying chimes.
- B. This event will be free for all Howard Gardner families, but volunteers will be needed.

8. Volunteers

Larissa Allspaugh spoke about the lunchroom volunteer sign-ups .She mentioned that it's a nice opportunity for the parents to be involved in the kids' school day and its especially helpful to be there for the younger kids. She added that Grandparents are also able to volunteer so long as they have all of their clearances.

9. Treasurer's Report

- A. Susan Hynds gave the financial update:
 - a. Income Sources: \$3,408.42
 - i. Family Fun Night
 - ii. Bingo
 - iii. Fall Bazaar
 - b. Expenses- \$10,367.00
 - c. Total Balance: \$5,325.71

10. Planetarium Update

- A. Larissa Allspaugh explained that this came as a wonderful suggestion by a Howard Gardner family. This same family also offered to cover all the expenses involved.
 - a. The Parent Forum proposes that it cover half the cost.
 - b. A vote is taken and the decision is unanimous. The Parent Forum will contribute to half the cost.
- B. It will run twice and be held on November 23rd

11. Bingo Updates

Renee Samuel gave an update on where the planning process for this event currently stands:

- Prizes are slowly coming in
- Volunteers are needed
- We need to stay proactive when it comes to reaching out to different businesses to contribute.

12. Questions/Comments- None

