

Parent Forum
Meeting Minutes
March 13, 2018

~40 parents/guardians attended this months PF meeting.

Approval of Minutes – Minutes were approved. Kerri mentioned that minutes can be found on the HGS web site, under About, Parent Forum, then scroll down to Meeting Minutes. Minutes are usually posted up to 2 weeks after the PF meeting.

- A parent asked to be notified when minutes are posted. Parent Forum will put a message on facebook notifying parents that meeting minutes are available on the Howard Gardner page, under Parent Forum.

Nominations for 2018/2019 – As of now, President & Fund raising Coordinator positions will be open for 2018-2020 school year. Both positions are a 2 year commitment.

In an effort to inform everyone about the scope of the President position, Kerri reviewed the overall roles & responsibilities. They are as follows and consume up to ~1 hour per day, significantly more during event crunch time (Bingo, Field Day, etc.).

- Prepare and facilitate all PF & officer meetings.
- Participate on all committees (holiday party, Bingo, Field Day, Trunk or Treat, Dance, Fun Run, etc.). Some of these committees are shared at times with VP.
- Perform other duties – memo writing, flyers, event communications, etc.
- Communicate necessary information to Marie/Maria for approval and to Patty to send to parents.
- Manage Facebook page.
- Meet with Marie/Maria monthly to review monthly business.

Fund Raising Coordinator – Renee reviewed all things BINGO, our largest and main PF fundraising event of the year. The Fund Raising Coordinator solicits sponsors to donate \$200+ prizes and manages all bingo logistics, while being supported by a committee. It's an ongoing, year round effort, with a bulk of the work required 2-3 months prior to the January event.

Scholastic Book Fair – Our first book fair is being held from March 19th to March 23rd. M-W 9-2:30, Thursday & Friday 9-4. You can visit this page for

more information – www.scholastic.com/bf/howardgardnerschool. This event was scheduled to be during teacher observation week. Parents can stop and shop in the store (which is located in Drew's old office). Starting on March 14th, you, friends & family can also shop on line thru next week. Students have the ability to create a wish lists. Students will go to the bookstore a 1st time to simply look at the books available. The second visit they will be able to shop for books. Parents can send them in with money to shop. We are trying to sell 500 books. Money earned will go back to buying more books for the classrooms!!

Reading connection by Jerri – She talked through the monthly newsletter and passed it along for all to read!

Family Fun Night – Dickson city laser tag is the next event on Monday, March 26th from 4-8. Bring flyer or say you're with the school so we get the \$ credit. Flyers will go out next Monday. Considering roller skating but it's \$250 to rent the rink. Parents communicated an interest and suggested an RSVP, pay in advance option. Karen & co. will consider for late April.

2nd Annual Fun Run – This years run will be on Saturday, April 14th, 2018. Scranton Running is involved this year – they will be timing the race. Although there is a cost to this, we are seeing if we get an uplift of runners outside the school community. Once the registration form is out (hopefully this week), insurance will be purchased. Sponsors are the next wave of activity. For \$100 you or a business can sponsor the race and will have your logo advertised on the back of the tee shirt. The race will take place on the Lackawanna Heritage Trail, Olive Street Trail Head. \$20 for adults, \$10 for kids. Medals for top runner – 6 age categories. Trophy for overall male & female. Bananas & water will be asked to be donated the day of event. Some parents mentioned advertising through WNEP and other avenues. Spread the word to friends & family – it's going to be a great event!

What's for dinner – Revello's Pizza is offering a \$15 pizza with \$5 coming back to the school for each purchased. Forms are due 21st of March. Trying to sell 100 trays! Get your forms in!!

Upper/Senior Dance – A survey was conducted for 5th thru 8th grade to determine their interest in a dance this year. 57% voted to have a dance, with 43% who do not. A finding was that 62% wanted a dance off site! As a result, for next year, we will consider having a dance off site. A new survey may need to be fielded to determine which classes are in favor of a dance. 5th thru 8th or 6th thru 8th?

Treasurer's Report – Starting balance of \$23,916. Store (+\$128), Montage passes (+\$414), Soup sale (+\$270), Dance expense (-\$1,049)
Anticipated End Balance \$21,997.

Next meeting is April 11st at 6 – hope to see you all there!