

Hall-Dale Elementary School
PTO
Meeting Minutes November 9, 2010

Facilitators: Co-Presidents: Aimee Ellis and Maria Fuentes
Members Present: 25

Aimee Ellis began the meeting with introductions.

Secretary's Report: Kelli Baker

The minutes were handed out to the members. There were no questions or comments and the minutes were accepted and passed.

Treasurer's Report: Kathy Pelotte

Kathy is still working with the bank to get the checking and savings statements at the same time of the month, which will make things easier for the bookkeeping. Kathy handed out and went over the Fundraising Report from the PSO concert and explained the figures. There will be a balance of about \$1500 for future experiences if the figures are all accurate and stay the same.

Kathy explained how there were donations and not all of the revenue was from ticket sales. One family donated \$200! All agreed that Nora Gray did a wonderful job designing the posters and programs. Jim Wallace did a great job getting a discounted price on the printing. Another comment was made that it would be a great idea to have the PSO poster framed and hung in the hallway of HDES. A quote will be requested from the Renaissance Gallery in Farmingdale. The treasurer's report was also on the handout, explained, accepted and passed.

Enrichment: Marella Averill

Marella is looking at having Slapstick Science and Monmouth Theater come back to HDES this year. The show that Slapstick Science would perform is on Flight and needs to take place in the gym. Mr. Leonard and Mr. Viselli will have to be asked to coordinate times for the show to be set up and taken down. The date that Marella is looking at is Dec. 17 which is also the anniversary of the Wright Bros. first flight. There are two shows that he presents, one appropriate for K-2 and one for 3-5. The cost is \$995 which is more than last year's show because of the extra set up and clean up time: 1.5 hours to set up and 1 hour after. We do get a discount for being HDES. Aimee passed out paper for a vote on the

Slapstick Science. There were 25 yes votes. We need to double check with Mrs. Bouchard on the date.

Programming: Michelle Jolicoeur & Adam Molesworth

Michelle explained some ideas that she and Adam had but she was hoping for feedback from the group. She mentioned Renee Page coming to discuss drugs and alcohol in December, as well as another speaker coming to discuss children and handling stress. Also, possibly Nurse Margaret coming in to discuss mental health type stuff or nutrition with Mr. Viselli and possibly deployment issues if there is a need for it in this area. Both Adam and Michelle want the group to give opinions or thoughts on the ideas they have presented. Someone mentioned bullying in the school and especially on the bus, as well as electronics and inappropriate books that our children are reading.

Fundraising:

Super Raffle consists of some generous donations. Some tickets have been returned at this point. The spaghetti supper is meant to be a community event and not just the drawing. We cannot use the gym and can only have 200 people eating at once. Different seating times were mentioned. Aimee is still working out all of the details of the dinner. There is going to be a minimal charge for the food to make it possible for all families to attend.

The Campbells' Labels were brought up and it was suggested to possibly use them to get playground balls for the outdoor recesses. A reminder could be sent home with the students that informs them that HDES does collect Box Tops and Campbells' Labels. Maybe the teachers could add it to one of their classroom newsletters. If anyone would like to help Shelly Bishop organize and utilize the Campbell's Labels, please contact Aimee, Maria or Shelly.

At the Scholastic Book Sale that Mrs. Taylor held, about \$5000 was sold, which gives about \$1300 to the HDES library! Great job Mrs. Taylor. PTO needs to promote the book fair more next year because it is a great fundraiser with a great product: books!

Community:

Renee Page handed out data from surveys on youth in Maine on substance abuse, as well as a flyer about a HDMS/HS Community Forum on substance abuse being held on November 18 in the Theater of the MS/HS. Renee works for Healthy Communities of the Capital Area and she works in the schools with the kids. She deals a lot with tobacco and alcohol. She explained that the forum will be designed for the parents

and adults, not for the students and it is not just for high school parents. Renee asked if the PTO would be agreeable to promote the Community Forum and support it. She said that paperwork would be sent to HDES PTO to okay the partnership/support of the forum. There was a motion to accept and it was passed. There were a couple of comments about how to prepare the younger children to handle drugs and alcohol pressure in HS, as well as what are the policies for drugs/alcohol at school events.

Other Business:

Discount Pride Cards: Debbie Paszyc explained the card concept. The discussion took place about the sponsors and the type of card we choose may dictate the price we charge for them. The fifth graders would like to have their portion of the card sales to benefit their fifth grade trip. The group was all in favor of doing the cards, letting the fifth graders have their portion and deciding on the details at a later date. Next meeting the bylaws will be touched upon by Kristin Aiello. She suggests looking at them before December's meeting!

Next meeting: Tuesday, December 14, 2010 at 6 p.m. in the library.