

Haine PTO
Executive Board Meeting
September 14, 2010

The meeting was called to order by Chris Sherry at 7:11 pm. Members present were: Chris Sherry, Jamie Sehgal, Stacey Morgan, Kathy Frye, Lynn McGinnis, Margie Beggy, Kyra Bobak, Steve Smith, Amy Bresch, Shay Houser, Marissa Casciato, Jeremiah Friday, Sally Sawyer, Kris Uher, Jane Surratt, Emily Hackworth, Julie Shearer, Chris Bablak, Jennie Spirk, Debbie Zimmerman, Lisa Augustine, Brandie Oldaker, Darlene Kish, Nicole Headley, Amy Mimh, Andrea Mahany, Nicole Snyder, Robin Wingard and Joni Tierney.

Chris welcomed all the members and introduced herself and co-president Jamie Seghal. She mentioned that there were coupons and items available on the tables and refreshments also.

Secretary Report

May and June minutes were presented for approval by Lynn, motion for approval by Darlene Kish and second by Nicole Snyder, all approved and motion was passed.

Chris also reminded the members that badges were at the sign in table for any of those who did not pick them up and binders were also at the sign in table.

Principal's Report

Mr. Smith reported that the middle school has had a successful start and transformation to the new school year and thanked all who attended the 5th Grade orientation and 6th grade meet the teacher nights. He also thanked the PTO for the Teacher's Luncheon.

He reviewed the NWEA testing which is scheduled twice a year and feedback from the results will be available very soon after which is very beneficial when assessing the students. It is also linked to Compass and updated in roughly 48 hours. PSSA results from last year were sent home and in the process of being sent home with the students. Parents can log onto Class Rules which is updated Wednesday each week. 6th grade will use the same Log in as last year and 5th grade will receive user log in information. If anyone needs to reset or request a new log in he asked the parents notify the school and Mr. Fogel can create the id's.

He further reviewed the new school website and navigation; he referred to the Teachers Website which will include information such as Calendars, homework, student blogs and more. Dates from Mr. Smith:

Olweus Kick-Off is scheduled for October 14, 2010 beginning at 9:30 am the Middle School students will be transported to Cranberry Park for activities featuring a 45 minute presentation Jay Banks from Nickelodeon, team building activity and lunch with a concert from Nicholas Marczock a Seneca Valley Graduate, then returning to school for departure home.

In the evening there is a parent meeting again featuring Jay Banks.

Mr. Smith closed with a Thank You again to the PTO for the purchase of the books from Barnes and Noble and stated the focus is on reading.

Mrs. Bobak introduced herself and also stated the Elementary School was off to a Good Start. The Elementary School has already had their first Olweus meeting and have begun the NWEA testing which is scheduled to run through November 8, 2010 and encourages parents to use the Compass Website. She thanked all attending the K-4 meet the teacher nights where the teachers had covered Building, Classroom and District Rules.

Mrs. Bobak thanked the PTO for the Teacher Luncheon which she said is so welcomed and enjoyed by the teachers giving them time to break and mingle. Thank you also to the Red Shirt Volunteers who help the first days of transition run smoothly.

Mrs. Bobak said the teachers have received the new books purchased which are already cataloged in the AR program. She states the focus will remain on reading and the "Dive into Reading" theme for this school year. She reviewed the Cafeteria has made changes offering more healthy choice options.

Dates from Mrs. Bobak:

Thursday September 16, 2010 is scheduled for the Elementary Kick Off for Literacy and children are encouraged to wear "beach attire/gear", which will include a few contests and gifts.

September 24, 2010 at 9:00am and 1:45 pm will be the Olweus Kick Off with sponsors from Kid Quest. They will continue to encourage the students to "Stand up for their selves and others"

President's Report

Jamie Seghal presented Thank You cards from various teachers and passed them around the room.

She stated we are still in need of Co Chairs for both The Family Fun Committee and the Holiday Shop Committee.

She also had a Save Around Town coupon book and asked that everyone put there name in the bowl to draw a winner later in the meeting.

Treasurer's Report

The June/July/August financials were reviewed and approved. Margie stated we are beginning with \$50,331.67 in both accounts however \$5,000.00 is outstanding for the previous year giving us a Start up of \$45,331.67.

She asked that everyone take a copy of the new budget and banking/money requests from the table. The previous 3 months financials are available also.

Margie reviewed the check request process; forms need to be filled out in their entirety and PTO receipts only. She reminded that we are a 501C3 organization and she will not reimburse sales tax. She reviewed the paperwork for the stores who may not have our information on file and has copies of the forms.

Margie reminded the teachers to purchase start up fund items by September 30, 2010 and turn in receipts prior to October 15, 2010 with the first and last name on the receipts for payment.

Time will be extended to those on a leave. Nicole Snyder asked that Margie explain start up funds to newer members and Margie explained the PTO offers teacher 25.00 per teacher to purchase classroom items to start the year.

Margie reminded all who are taking checks from the parents and families of the students to meet with her to receive the list of names who have had NSF checks in the past as we are not to take checks from them and we do have seven individuals who have still not settled from last year. She further explained this confidential information.

At this time Chris recognized and welcomed the following parent visitors:

Kara Challingsworth

Erin Sullivan

Tonya Goepfert

Teacher's Report

Marissa Casciato and Jeremiah Friday were introduced as the Middle School Teacher Representatives. Ms. Casciato thanked the PTO for both the \$25.00 start up funds and the Teacher Luncheon. She said the Book Fair money was used to purchase books for Reading, Social studies and Math.

Ms. Casciato thanked the PTO for the generous funding for the McKeever trip and said it has been instrumental in keeping the cost down for the parents. She said the first groups to go to McKeever are scheduled for September 27, 2010.

Amy Bresch and Shay Houser were introduced as the Elementary Teacher Representatives. They thanked the PTO for the increase in funding for the Field Trips, Start Up Funds and The Teachers Luncheon. Mrs. Bresch said the Barnes and Noble books have been received and are in the classrooms, which many of the classrooms will share books and the Scholastics' extra funds add to the resources for the students. Mrs. Bresch stated how they appreciate the PTO and working at Haine Elementary

Chris thanked both the returning and new reps. She asked they remind the teachers to get all PTO Paperwork back as soon as they can. Chris offered the Principals and Teachers to be excused at this time.

Vice President's Report

Stacy Morgan reported she is receiving and working on the volunteer lists.

Kathy Frye advised she will be sending out the 1st Newsletter, thanked everyone for their contribution and is looking for information for the October newsletter.

She reminded the Vendor Craft Fair and Fundraiser Pick Up is scheduled for Saturday November 13, 2010 and is looking for vendors to reserve tables.

At this time Chris Sherry thanked Lisa Augustine for the Teachers Luncheon and all that she did to make it a success including the music, decorations, prizes and lunch all in a Cajun/Mardi Gras theme.

Committee Reports

Fundraiser

Debbie Zimmerman reported the Kick Off went well and is waiting for the orders which are due September 24, 2010.

Membership

Robin Wingard reminded the committee chairs that they are all required to be a member with the \$3.00 fee. So far returned to the school were 315 membership requests and she requested the deadline be extended a week. She explained she does add the members to the PTO Manager Database in which we use to email the members and utilize for volunteers.

Web

Nicole Snyder encouraged that all use the HainePTO.Org website to review forms, where parents can print on their own cutting paper cost to the PTO. She asked that we refer parents to the site and put the web address on all papers sent home.

In closing Chris recognized new members to the PTO and thanked them for stepping up to chair the committees.

She reminded all to check the Mailboxes located in the Middle School when at the school.

Margie reminded that everyone should be cashing any PTO checks by the end of the month they are written.

The winner pulled from the basket for the Around Town booklet was Kara Challingsworth.

The next PTO meeting is scheduled for October 12, 2010. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 pm.