

## **HORIZON ELEMENTARY PTO MEETING MINUTES**

**November 13, 2012**

**Opening:** The regular monthly meeting of the Horizon PTO was called to order at approximately 6:30pm in the Learning Center by PTO President, Maura Contreras.

**Attendees:** Melissa Barreiro, Deborah Gehrig, Maura Contreras, Colleen Motycka, Pam Murdoch, Amy McKinley, Enza Zamora, Karen Moskow, Johnnie Zurek

### November PTO Meeting

#### **A. Treasurer's Report – Enza Zamora**

- a) Ending checking balance - \$23,307.64
- b) Available cash remaining -\$12,166.13

#### **B. News/Announcements**

##### a) Dr. Gehrig

- Horizon reached AYP goal for 2011-2012 school year; specifics will be posted on the Horizon website.
- Teachers agreed to extend book fair to a couple of day provided more books were offered and less miscellaneous items.
- Due to large classroom sizes in the kindergarten classes Horizon has hired a new Kindergarten teacher. Two new aide positions were approved. Diane Hansmann will be filling one of the position and another has been offered to a candidate for Mrs. Micka's class.

##### b) Teachers – No report

- c) Citizen Advisory Council (CAC) – Transformation task force providing feedback to district on changing the high school start time, balanced instructional calendar (45 days of classes/10 days off), differential instruction (elementary), small learning communities (middle school), online classes (high school). December CAC meeting will consist of roundtable discussion with administrators.

#### **C. Upcoming Events**

Parent teacher conferences scheduled for November.

#### **D. New Items**

##### a) Winners drawn for November Cash Raffle:

\$25 The Caddigan Family - sold by Silvia Campagna (4SWAS/Erion) won with a free winning ticket (sold 10 raffle tickets)!

\$25 The Vega Family - sold by Liliana Vega (2nd Grade/Frazier) won with a free winning ticket (sold 10 raffle tickets)!

\$50 Soledad Totengno - sold by Kayla Depakakibo (4th Grade/Morgan)

\$50 Mary Sheehan (student unknown)

\$100 Edith Okhuoya - sold by Aima Okhuoya (Kindergarten/Weathers)

\$100 A. Caputo (student unknown)

- b) Discussed possible purchases of Smart Boards for teachers.

#### **D. Committee Chair Reports**

- a) Accelerated Reader (Chairperson-Pam Murdoch): May need additional volunteers.
- b) Book Fair (Chairperson-Silvana Dimas): Horizon has 1,500 scholastic points for use. Length of spring book fair may be extended to multiple days.
- c) Box Tops for Education (Chairperson Silvana Dimas): Co-chair volunteer may be needed.
- c) Campbell Soup Labels (Colleen Motycka): 2012/2013 catalog circulated to teachers. 9,000+points available for use.
- d) Spirit Wear (Chairperson - Kimberly Mahoney): 145 items sold. Big sellers were yoga pants and rhinestone shirts. Hunger Game shirts may be offered to older students. Mixed feedback on new items.
- e) School Supply Kits (Chairperson – Julie Henaghan): No Report
- f) Market Day (Chairperson – Lisa Dzik): No Report
- g) Yearbook (Chairperson - Dianne Hansmann): No Report
- h) Bingo (Julie Henaghan and Maura Contreras): No report
- i) Fall 2013 picnic (Chairperson - Padma Narayana): Need additional parent volunteer. Discussion regarding replacement event for fun fair for Spring 2012.

#### **Regular meeting was followed by allocation meeting.**

The following items were approved for allocation funds if scholastic points were not available for item.

Speech and Language books submitted by Barham/Karantz for \$44.43

Electric Pencil Sharpener submitted by 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teachers for an amount not to exceed \$150.

Whisper phones submitted by Weathers. 3 sets approved for \$173.97

Classroom camera submitted by Weathers for \$189.99

Tiger Rising Book set submitted by Liner for \$135

Meeting closed: 8:19PM

Minutes submitted by: Melissa Barreiro-Powell

Minutes approved by: \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_