

Howe PTA
May Meeting Minutes
May 11, 2016

Call to order: 9:25 A.M.

Approval of Minutes: March minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance is as follows:

- As of 3/01/16 \$24,661.48
- As of 3/31/16 \$25,273.38
- As of 4/29/16 \$22,163.25

- 2015 – 2016 PTA Donation List will be submitted to the council and the school board.
- Proposed budget for the 2016 – 2017 school year will be voted on at the September 2016 PTA meeting.
- Kathy (crossing guard at Audubon) donated \$40 for Mrs. Owens-Koysh's parents.
- Reimbursement forms need turned in by end of June, when the books close.

Correspondence:

- Heather read thank you notes.
- The 2nd grade kids/teacher (room 129) sent a thank you note for the listening center.

Exec Board/Principal's Report from Dr. Murray:

- Dr. Murray thanked everyone for the staff appreciation week/luncheon.
- Michelle thanked Nikki for her time as President.
- Michelle thanked all the kids for supporting Joey and his family.
- Padma nominated Carol Cercone for the Teacher Beehive.
- Mrs. Hannan is retiring as the Special Ed. Teacher this year.
- Band concert last night at Mellon Middle school year was a big hit.
- Rita's Ice needs picked up by 2p on May 27th (Field Day).
- Kindergarten orientation had 52 students. Screening on May 19th and 20th. Teacher/room assignments will be posted June 8th.
- Mrs. Barton is due in June.
- Mrs. Predabon is due in August.

- Dr. Murray requested extra funds be directed towards a new mural to be completed by Mr. Hain, at the front entrance near the gym. Nikki Bovino suggested using the extra PTA funds at the end of the year.
- ABA Classroom Patent consultants visited Howe and gave our school 97/100 points.
- Survey will be sent out ranking importance of Curriculum Night, Open House, Fall/Spring teacher conferences as well as a Meet and Greet before school starts.

Committee Reports:

- **Committee Chairs: Joyce Divine.** Committee Chairs needed: Technology/website, membership/directory, Colonial Day, email blasts, and SFF auction.
- Information from the newsletter is also posted on Howe's Facebook page. Carla Clipper is taking this over for Nikki.
- Dr. Murray requested the Facebook link to send out to her staff.
- Parents having their last child going through Howe will get a library book donated to the school in their name.
- **Scholastic Book Orders: Heather Chew.**
- Gave an update on getting a new \$297 shelf (for Mrs. Ryan) from the Bogo money. Our goal is 5% back for the school.
- Heather will send e-blast out for Reading Night.

Family Reading Night; Nikki McBride.

- Nikki McBride is working with Mrs. Cercone this year and is looking for volunteers.
- We are using student council as volunteers.
- It was discussed to do a special certificate for Mrs. Cercone when she retires at the end of next school year.

New Business:

- Heather is requesting funds for paper and ink to put together the Historian binder for Melissa Jones.
- 1st/2nd motion. Motion approved.
- -\$170 will be given to Mrs. Rindels for: Stools, shields, folders, dry erase

markers, baskets. 1st/2nd motion. Motion approved.

- \$200 will be donated to COPD in honor Amy of Owen-Koysh's parents. An email will be sent to her from the website. 1st/2nd motion. Approved.
- After June 30th audit, Treasurer, Pres. and VP will submit signatures to the bank. Audit meeting will be at Nikki's house.

Meeting Adjourned: 10:34 A.M.

Have a great summer!