

Haisley PTO Meeting Minutes

Meeting Date: December 5, 2014

- I. Announcements: Fundraising for the **fifth grade camp** will include four main initiatives:
 - a. A resale shop in January
 - b. A Valentine's Day Dance in February
 - c. A Talent Show in April
 - d. A Recipe book
- II. Public/General Comment
 - a. The engineering students at Skyline are making excellent progress on the **Little Free Libraries**. No changes to their design were recommended. They will make six Ifls and install them in April at no cost to the PTO. The fifth grade Girl Scouts Troop will take a field trip to Skyline to help students, Lisa Read and Anton Drayyer, paint and decorate the Ifls. The next step is confirming placement and identifying Ifl "guardians" in each location who will help maintain and stock the libraries.
 - b. The auditions for the **Haisley Players** were going well. Results were to be posted Friday, Dec. 5. Andi Rich said that there had been tremendous participation in the auditions.
 - c. Kourtni Awwad raised the topic of having a **warming station** as a fundraiser for Haisley families. Four first grade students from Mrs. Christensen's class, including Kourtni's daughter, were interested in helping others by raising money for charity. At the warming station, the students would sell coffee, hot chocolate and donuts. Jimmy encouraged Kourtni to investigate the idea further.
 - d. A volunteer **social event/mixer** will be held in the coming months that would also serve as an introduction to the board.
 - e. Melissa Cunningham brought up the possibility of adopting a "**sister school**" within Washtenaw County that may need financial help with capitol improvement projects.
 - f. Andi Rich mentioned that she will be researching **funding distribution** with Washtenaw County schools.
 - g. Jimmy Simonte announced that the **Haisley Happenings newsletter** was going paperless and would only be offered primarily by email. Paper copies would be sent to those parents who do not have email. Teachers would be identifying the parents who need to receive printed copies.
 - h. Luci Fry announced that the latest **Pay to Play** raised approximately \$1,000 for the school. For future Pay to Play fundraisers, they would like to identify a specific item that the funds would be going toward.
- III. Auction Update

The **2014 PTO Auction** raised approximately \$20,000 which was \$7,000 more than budgeted. Some of the public comments were that the venue was “fantastic and comfortable,” there was “good food, reasonable ticket prices, and the chairs were fun.” All thought that having three co-chairs was a great plan. Areas to improve included making the placards easier to read and moving the teacher gifts closer to the front of the auction to make them more visible.

Next year’s auction will again be held at Polo Fields. It was suggested that the PTO hold an online auction for the two weeks prior to the event and consensus was positive. Andi Rich offered to have students in her daughter’s class write thank you notes. It was mentioned that it would be helpful if the current auction chairs served as mentors to the new co-chairs.

IV. 2014 Winter Sing

The **Winter Sing** will be held in the multi-purpose room this year from 9-9:30 a.m. Students will report to their teachers and then come to the MPR. There will be a coffee cart. Food Gatherers will be bringing a truck to load donated food. Peach Neighborhood will also be there to accept donated gift cards.

V. Capitol Projects

All **capitol projects** ideas were submitted by Thanksgiving. A small group, including Principal Scarnecchia, will meet in mid-January to review the list. Jimmy Simonte will give an update at the February PTO meeting.

VI. Heritage Night

Kourtnei Awwad announced that they would post an article about **Heritage Night** in the Haisley eBlast, along with a Sign-up Genius link.

VII. Wellness Policy

There will be an update on the **Haisley Wellness Policy** at the January PTO meeting.