

## Peter Hobart PTAO Meeting Minutes- March 7, 2007

Julie Huber called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.

### Welcome

Julie welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming.

### Minutes Approval

Amy Hayden made a motion to approve the January PTAO meeting minutes. It was seconded by Trent Seaman. The minutes were approved with no additions or corrections.

### Winter Events

#### Artist in Residence

Steph Lund reported that the puppetry Artist in Residence program had gone very well. The artist Margo McCreary was excellent and everyone was satisfied. Steph thanked all of the volunteers that made the Artist in Residency Program so successful.

Steph reported that she and Julie Huber would begin writing the grant for next year's Artist in Residency program this month. Margot McCreary has provided a few suggestions of artists that would do well in our school. Steph encouraged anyone who would like to voice an opinion about which artist is chosen for next year to call or e-mail her or Julie Huber.

#### Kindergarten Information Night

Jane Steck reported that Kindergarten Information Night was held on January 30th and while the turn out was lower than expected, about 60 groups of people attended, the event went very well and many Peter Hobart parents helped out.

#### Breakfast for Families

Serena Steffenhagen reported that breakfast for families was going very well. So far there have been two breakfasts and one lunch for Peter Hobart families. The remainder of the breakfast for families events are set for the weeks ahead. Serena was thanked for her willingness to head this event for past years.

#### Inventors Fair

Inventors Fair Chair Amy Hayden informed the group that the Peter Hobart Inventors Fair will take place on April 26<sup>th</sup>, 6:00-7:30, at the Sr. High. Amy plans to go into the classrooms this week to talk to the students about the Fair. Amy would like to provide buttons that commemorate the Inventor's Fair instead of the certificates that have been used in the past. Planning is going well for the event. She expects to need 40-55 volunteers. Amy gave an overview of the event for parents new to the school.

Julie Huber explained that we will need to increase the Inventor's Fair budget by \$300 to pay for the buttons that we want to provide to the students as a memento of the event.

Julie received a motion to increase the Inventor's Fair budget by \$300. It was seconded by Trent Seaman. The budget increase was approved unanimously.

### Book Fair

Jill Riley, book fair co-chair, reported that a spring bookfair is planned for some time in May. It will be the half price book sale and it will last one day. Jill will provide more details about the fair as they planning progresses.

### Treasurers Report

PTAO treasurer Sonja Peterson explained that we currently have \$19,000 in our account. We should end the year with \$8,000. Sonja told the group that we needed to carry money over each year as we never know if we are going to get the grant for the Artist in Residency Program.

### Principal's Report

Frank thanked Jane Steck and Tracey Larson for their work on Kindergarten Information Night. He thanked Steph Lund and Julie Salamzadeh for their efforts with the Artist in Residence program. He said that he has heard many positive comments about this year's Artist in Residence Program. Frank thanked Serena Steffenhagen and Julie Yarosh for their work on the Breakfast for Families program.

Our Spanish teacher Rosa Villazon arrived two weeks ago. Spanish instruction at Peter Hobart will begin soon. Rosa will begin working with grades kindergarten through grade two soon and will work with the third graders after the state testing has been completed.

Site Council has been working on nutritional issues. They will be providing a list of healthy snacks to parents. Site Council has also suggested to teachers that food no longer be used as a reward in the classroom. They have also urged the use of international food at school events. Site Council also is promoting the development of a whole wheat peanut butter and jelly sandwich as an alternative the pre-packaged peanut butter and jelly sandwiches that are now provided. Site Council also wants to keep track of the amount of food that is wasted in our cafeteria. Frank said that the cook at Peter Hobart is very willing to work to make the food in our lunch room healthier.

Frank described a meeting he had gone to entitled Courageous Conversations about Race. He explained that schools nationwide are becoming more and more segregated and that there is a movement to try and reverse this trend.

### Program

Jody Stefanowicz, Peter Hobart Physical Education teacher, provided the program. She described the P.E program at Peter Hobart. She presented the framework of objectives on which the P.E program at Peter Hobart is based. She spoke about the health and fitness components of the program as well as the specific games and activities included in the P.E program.

The meeting adjourned at 8:25.