

# Harris Hill PTA Meeting - September 10th, 2003

## Approved Meeting Notes

**Number present:** 39

**Officers present:** Patti Marks, Mary Reynolds, Barb Baumer, Kathy Keech, Maggie Angeline

**Meeting called to order:** 7:03 PM

*"A quorum was established to conduct business"*

**Welcome and introduction of attendees and PTA Board members.**

**Corresponding Secretary (Kathy Keech)**

- Received a "Thank you" note from Judy McNeil for her retirement gift on behalf of the PTA.
- Sent out a "Thank you" note to Kodak for the \$1,000 grant for the "Dollars for Doer" program.

**Treasurers Report (Barb Baumer)**

- "Thanks" to Kathy Keech for handing over great Treasurer books and for answering all the questions.
- Handed out copy of monthly treasurer's report for August 2003.
- Networth as of August 31st, 2003 is \$16,816.
- Handed out copy of 2002/2003 Annual Report.
- Handed out copy of 2003/2004 approved PTA budget.
- Profit of \$465 on sales of cookbooks, which continues – see Marcia Vick.
- The audit of the books is underway.
- Reminder that the PTA is a sales tax exempt organization, if you need a copy of the exempt certificate, it is available in the PTA mailbox.
- Reimbursement forms also available in the PTA mailbox.

**Teachers Report (Jennifer Leakey)**

- "Thanks" for the Friday breakfast for the teachers and staff.

**School Board Report (Mike Mariorino – VP of BOE)**

- Goals and objectives in progress, looking to identify five or six major goals and objectives.
- First draft will be posted on BOE website for review.
- Strategic planning for the district is underway, will be a five to twenty year plan and the process itself will take one to two years to complete.
- The BOE meeting is scheduled for October 21<sup>st</sup> at Harris Hill.
- Question and answer session – Question on whether or not the last day of school has been determined? Suggest looking at district calendar, however date is a moving target based on various factors.

**Principal's Report (Marc Nelson)**

- Opening day was smooth. Commend the busing staff, as of the third day of school the students were released on time. Hats off to Tom Cirrincione and his crew.
- Interviewing for current staff openings.
- Announced teaching/position changes. Mrs. Pieroni will be going out on maternity leave.
- At the coming up Curriculum nights, will provide overview of school improvement plan. Continue to work towards meeting goals and objectives.
- Commend the staff for their efforts to achieve goals.
- The Friday emails will continue as means of communication to the parents.
- In remembrance of September 11<sup>th</sup>, will have a moment of silence.
- Mrs. Fitzpatrick teaches the new 12:1:1 class, which is a class of 12 students with one teacher and one aide.

- The BOCES Multiply Disabled class will be waiting one year before coming to HH to allow for transition and planning. Preparations beginning. The empty classroom will be used this year as an instructional room to any teacher to sign out as needed.
- Commend the district office for being able to maintain all of the teaching assistants, their assistance is needed.
- Thank you to Mr. LaPointe and the Facilities Committee on the construction changes.
- Punchlist items remain on the construction.
- Thank you to the parents for continuing the pick-up procedures that were put into place last year.
- Enrollment currently at 524 students, the smallest in the district.
- Question and answer session.
- Tour of construction changes.

### **Refreshment Break**

#### **PTA Membership (Susan Regruit)**

- Thank you to all that have joined.
- Membership forms available at all Curriculum nights.
- Do not need to be a member to come to the PTA meetings.
- Being a member shows support of the PTA.
- Welcome to new families to HH.
- PTA offers a mentoring program to new members, also looking for mentors.

#### **Guest Speaker – Tom Cirrincione, Director of Transportation**

- Thank you for the invitation to the meeting.
- Continuing to respond to calls and questions and concerns.
- Instituting a new policy restricting idling buses at the loops.
- New buses include built in camera systems.
- At the bus driver refresher course, discussed bullying on the buses.
- Another great fleet of drivers.
- Number one concern is the safety of the children and need to put the stops in the safest location.
- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, “Operation Safe Stop” is day dedicated to have extra awareness on safety of buses and other vehicles. Supported by various police departments and will focus on passing of stopped buses. Passing a stopped school bus can add five points on your license and a minimum fine of \$250.
- NY State School Buses have extra safety features.
- Tremendous busing staff, including mechanics.
- For questions or concerns, you can contact the transportation departments general number, 249-5650.
- School closings based on factors such as visibility and wind chill.
- Question and answer session.

#### **Shared Decision Making – SDM (Marcia Vick)**

- The team will meet once a month, have not yet had a meeting for this new school year.
- Will be continuing the momentum started last year.

#### **SEPTA (Liza Robbins-Theuman – President of SEPTA)**

- Thank you to HH for being warm and welcoming.
- SEPTA is new district wide and stands for Special Education PTA.
- No fundraising in SEPTA this year.
- Focus on education.
- SEPTA offers support to parents.
- Over 500 students in district with special needs.
- Very helpful to have the SEPTA option on the HH PTA membership forms.
- Will have representation at the various Curriculum nights.
- On October 16<sup>th</sup>, SEPTA will be sponsoring a guest speaker from the NYS Regents at BayTrail.

- Handed out information on programs on WXXI.
- As a member of SEPTA you will receive weekly updates.

#### **Committee Reports**

##### **Kids Care Club/Community Service (Lisa Sykes)**

- Provided an overview of Kids Care Club.
- Projects coming up for October and November include building flower boxes and decorating pillows.
- Limit of 35 students for Kids Care Club per project.
- Facilitating various community projects throughout the year.
- Six boxes of school supplies donated to School 6 in Rochester.

##### **Fundraising (Carole Nasra for Karin Wilson)**

- The sale of Entertainment books is the major fundraiser for this year.

##### **Presidents Report (Patti Marks)**

- September 12<sup>th</sup> is the back to school picnic.
- Openings on volunteer form – need volunteers for 5<sup>th</sup> grade slideshow and Hotline editor.
- Cookbooks still available at \$5 per book.
- Forms available to fill out to suggest meeting topics for future PTA meetings.

*Meeting adjourned at 8:52 PM.*