

Hugo and Oneka PTA - Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2018 - 6:00pm Oneka

Call to order 6:02pm; Quorum Met

Board Member and District Attendees: Terry Dahlem - Oneka Principal, Jason Healy - Hugo Principal, Angela Thompson - President, Toni Brandvold - Co-Treasurer, Katie Jones - Secretary, Ellen Fahey - School Board Representative

PTA Member Attendees: Kari Milhofer, Melissa Steussy, Tera Gregory, Michelle Allshouse, Kristi Beck

Non-Member Attendees: Julie O'Rourke, Christi Anthony, Janie Briggs, Abbi Case, Dayne Doubler, Ethan and Molly Carruthers, Stephanie Lohmann, Becky Thigpen, Leah Armstrong, Julie Stonehouse, Colleen Kopp, Ryan Wimperis, Cassandra Gomez, Deb Beloyed, Kathy Berlin

1. President's Welcome & Introductions

- meeting started at 6:02
- 27 people attended

2. Secretary's Report – approved May 2018 meeting minutes

- motion made by Kari Milhofer
- seconded by Michelle Allshouse
- approved

3. Treasurer's Report – approved 2017-2018 year-end financials & current financial reports

- motion made by Michelle Allshouse
- seconded by Jason Healy
- approved

4. Principals' Reports

- Jason Healy
 - great start
 - everybody “gets it”
 - parents
 - students
 - kindergarten 170 students successful for lunch
 - colored cards for lunch
 - switch based on behavior
 - extra recess
 - holding each other accountable
 - Bear Rules
 - both schools are MN DNR schools
 - last year at Hugo - horse logger
 - this year at Hugo - goats!
 - fenced in for a week to eat buckthorn, poison ivy, etc.
- Terry Dahlem
 - Strategic Planning
 - process beginning at building level (looking more closely at each school)
 - Oct. 24-25

- opportunity to provide input
- Facilities Planning - no plan in place yet
 - schools
 - sports
 - everything on the table
- district growing - studies underway/completed
 - capacity?
 - projected enrollments
- Sept. 24 deadline to apply for a committee (district website)
 - meeting schedule on website
 - looking into providing childcare
 - superintendent/school board WANT TO HEAR YOUR VOICE
 - GET INVOLVED!!!
 - super important in shaping our future - exciting!
 - end product - building somewhere
 - need voices/input from the northern part of the district

5. **President's Report - Angela Thompson**

- Reiterated the importance of attending and being involved in the planning
 - your voice will be heard
 - excited that we are being asked as parents, staff, and community members to be involved
- Shared awesome opportunity for 4th grade students/teachers/families
 - Every Kid in a Park - sponsored by the U.S. Government
 - visit website: everykidinapark.gov
 - 4th grade students get a free pass to America's parks, lands, and waters
 - program encourages 4th grade students/families to get out and explore
 - teachers can print for students

6. **Fill Open Positions**

- Vice President
 - Cassandra Gomez
 - nominated by Angela Thompson
 - Terry Dahlem made motion
 - Kristi Beck 2nd the motion
 - voted in
 - Welcome, Cassandra!
- Co-Treasurer
 - still need
 - will work with QuickBooks
 - Bridget Peterson (former treasurer) will help/guide
 - please pass along possible names, or let us know if you know of somebody who would be a good fit

7. **Committee Chair Reports**

- Fall Fundraiser
 - Kristi Beck
 - kicked-off last Friday with an assembly
 - video featuring Maggie Clark's class/Oneka Elementary
 - Oct. 2nd - packets are due
 - will need volunteers to count money/orders

- Nov. 1st delivery date
 - will need volunteers to unload boxes and help with distribution
 - Pizza Party
 - Nov. 16th
 - Direct donations - will add info. to next handout/email
 - \$175 per student
 - \$225 per family
- Box Tops
 - no report
- Book Fair
 - Kari Milhofer
 - Nov. 5-8th
 - Enchanted Forest theme
 - Sue Olsen looking for somebody to shadow her for next year
 - winter at Hugo
- Yearbook
 - Michelle Allshouse
 - took 1st day of school photos
 - proposing to keep price the same as last year
 - when do we want flyers?
 - typically ordering has happened during the month of February
 - aim to be done before spring break
 - end of march is usually deadline for submitting photos
 - special request for teachers to take photos
 - especially older grades
 - hard to remove photos from SeeSaw
 - Google Drive and/or email to Michelle
 - discussion about the past 5th grade photography club
 - students were engaged and loved being involved
 - looking for a parent to help coordinate/run
 - not necessarily the best quality photos, but some!
 - photos on school camera; easy access
- Adult Fun Night
 - Angela Thompson
 - Friday, March 29th
 - likely head at the American Legion in Hugo
 - gambling for fun (not money)
 - auction/donation fundraiser
 - get adults out and having fun; socializing

8. Open Forum

- Janie Briggs - Strategic Plan update
 - 1st grade teacher at Hugo
 - facilitator with Steve Bates for Facilitating Planning
 - shared opportunity for community members on planning and action teams
 - unique that asking public to help - want our input!
 - have almost 20 participants, but can go above and beyond
 - Planning Team
 - two fall days - 8-10 hour days//3 times; two days in October, one day in February or March

- examining belief system
 - what you imagine something to be
 - all objectives should be based on 100% of the students
 - Action Committee
 - 2-2.5 hours in evenings
 - look at tactics and cost specific strategies
 - bring back to planning committee, then shared with Superintendent
- Julie Stonehouse - Oneka Media Specialist/Enrichment Support
 - introduction
 - request for parent/adult volunteers
 - in library or from home
 - email - julia.stonehouse@isd624.org or call the office to get involved/help
- Julie O'Rourke - Essential Skills proposal for K-1
 - computer program for math, phonemic awareness, and super phonics
 - one year license
 - would allow teachers use in classroom or for kids to use at home (not just at school)
 - 100 students, teachers, and special education teacher can use
 - \$605 for all programs
 - Jason will work to find funding through Academic Support
- Abbi Case - Brainology report
 - '16-'17 surplus of PTA funds used on Brainology
 - fixed mindset vs. growth mindset ideas
 - used site license last year ('17-'18)
 - students created own growth mindset
 - students grew and learned - confidence increased
 - not all 5th graders took the post survey
 - expressed thanks to the PTA for funding
 - not asking to fund again
 - very expensive
 - took a lot of classroom time
 - district not using Flash
 - teachers were able to download Brainology activities for future use w/o additional cost - still using some
 - Mindset Mathematics book purchased
 - promoting lifelong learners
- Deb Beloyed - White Bear Lake Education
 - supports students and teachers of WBL
 - grants provided
 - encouraged teachers to apply
 - 4 teachers from Hugo/Oneka received last year
 - deadlines coming soon
 - celebrating 25 years
 - golf
 - Gala - Oct. 25
 - The Closet
 - personal appointments to get family items for those in need
 - donations greatly accepted - all ages
 - especially in need of winter items
 - call Ed. Foundation to arrange drop-off

- need volunteers
- Angel Fund
 - teachers can recommend student/family for support in crisis
- visit website for more information: WBLAEF.ORG
- Kathy Berlin - 5th grade teacher; request for Maude Hart Lovelace Book Project
 - requesting on behalf of herself and for Maggie Clark and Christine Moren
 - Maude Hart Lovelace award-winning books (6 sets of 16 books)
 - newer teachers - don't have a lot of books in classroom
 - great books - kids enjoy
 - all book levels
 - teach story elements
 - encourage kids to complete 3 chapter books and assess the thought/reading comprehension strategies learned/obtained through book reports
 - \$545 for 6 sets (30% discount at Red Balloon Bookstore)
 - Terry Dahlem brought up some questions/concerns
 - Is this going to be an ongoing project/request?
 - fund from another place, if annual request
 - If PTA keeps funding, should it be added as a budget line item?
 - Should all six 5th grade classes do this?
 - school/district discussion to add to curriculum
 - Can we use Scholastic Dollars?
 - no - many books not all available - MN authors
 - PTA to fund with idea that this is the last year and if want to continue this project, teachers should plan for funding elsewhere
 - Kari Milhofer made a motion
 - Terry Dahlem seconded
 - motion approved
 - Safety Patrols
 - PTA usually sends 2 patrols to camp
 - patrols didn't go because camp wasn't open
 - requesting funding for these campers to go next year
 - will discuss at a later time, but brought to our attention
- Colleen Kopp/Katie Solem
 - There are 27 students who take home weekend food bags.
 - These students also likely need books!
 - Proposing to send a \$1-\$2 book each month in the bag along with food.
 - \$270-\$540 depending on book price
 - Looked as using Scholastic Dollars
 - if do, don't get discounted prices and have to pay shipping
 - Kari Milhofer suggested using Scholastic Money
 - usually generates around \$150+
 - will try to promote during the Bookfair
 - PTA will make up the difference (up to \$200)
 - motion made Kristi Beck
 - seconded by Stephanie Lohmann
 - motion approved

9. Open:

- Amazon Smile - EASY MONEY!
 - **AmazonSmile** is a website operated by **Amazon** with the same products, prices, and shopping features as **Amazon.com**.

- The difference is that when you shop on **AmazonSmile**, the **AmazonSmile** Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price of eligible products to the charitable organization of your choice.
- Link Hugo/Oneka PTA to your Amazon account and .5% will be donated back to our PTA just for doing your regular shopping!! WIN!!!
- Jason will send info about this great opportunity to earn funds.
- Here is the link: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/11-3700650>

Kari Milhofer motioned to adjourn; Kristi Beck seconded

Meeting Adjourned 7:35pm

- long meeting due to beginning of school year and a lot of updates/requests
- our goal is for a one hour (or less!) meeting

Thank you for your time and dedication to helping our students, teachers, and schools! We NEED your help and support! We appreciate your thoughts, help, and commitment!

FREE CHILDCARE PROVIDED DURING EVERY MEETING!!

****Next PTA Meeting: Monday, October 15, 2018; 6:00 pm at Hugo Elementary Media Center****

