

Hugo & Oneka PTA
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Meeting Minutes - **Approved 10/14/19**
September 16, 2019 - 6:00 pm
Hugo Elementary Media Center

Call to order: 6:03 by Angela Thompson
Quorum met!

Board Members in Attendance: Jason Healy (Hugo Principal), Lori Mosser (Oneka Principal), Angela Thompson (President), Chrissi Miller (Vice President), Katie Jones (Secretary), Toni Brandvold (Co-Treasurer), Lauren Schleicher (Co-Treasurer)

PTA Member Attendees: Katie Babcock, Brian Cern, Becca Engberg, Stephanie Lohmann, Kari Milhofer, Katie Solem (4th grade), Melissa Steussy, Elizabeth Ulmer (3rd grade)

District Attendees: Ellen Fahey (WBL School Board Liaison), Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak (WBL Superintendent), Megan Majerle (1st grade), Ann St. Martin (1st grade), Deb Thibault (Instructional Coach), Tim Wald (WBL Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations)

Non Member Attendees: Michelle Allshouse, Christi Anthony, Cassandra Gomez, Angela Farrington, Julie Fritsche, Mike Lutzke, Sarah Lutzke, Chrissy McIntosh, Jess Mieke (Children's Performing Arts), Tina Mortimer, Liz Sheeran, Julie Steffensmeier, Joe Vomela, Anthony Vomela (Boy Scout), Heather Wilding, Matt Wilding, Chris Winner, Julie Winner

1. President's Welcome & Introductions - Angela Thompson

- Welcome and PTA Overview
 - Membership
 - Please fill out a form and turn in with \$10 to a board member
 - Voting rights
 - State/National dues
 - \$2.25 to National PTA, \$4.00 to MN PTA; \$3.75 to our PTA
 - Need at least 10 current members to make quorum
 - Introductions
 - Shared names and roles/kids' grades

2. Guest Speakers - 2019 Bond Referendum Forum - WBL Superintendent, Dr. Wayne Kazmierczak & WBL Assistant Superintendent for Finance & Operations, Tim Wald

- Amount - \$326 million
 - Attempting something no other district in the state has done
 - Acknowledged that this is a lot of money
 - This is why the strategic planning committee did so much

research/work to come up with a comprehensive plan that will affect all buildings, students, and staff.

- Shared the “What” video <https://whitebear.wistia.com/medias/qa5tw25yvy>
 - All students; all buildings positively impacted
 - 9-12 unified/cohesive campus in location of North Campus
 - More centrally located
 - Less transition
 - Building relationships - staff and students across grades
 - Tax impact/calculator on website
 - Average home \$275,000; taxes increase \$24/month
 - ISD 624 has lowest voter approved school debt tax levy
 - Passage of bond referendum would keep tax level below the average of neighboring school districts
- “Why” video <https://whitebear.wistia.com/medias/r46zzrkxj6>
 - New direction though strategic plan
 - Need buildings to come along on that plan
- Q/A
 - If bond referendum passes, what is the timeline?
 - ~5 year plan
 - New elementary Fall of 2022; new high school 2024
 - Design the new elementary in Hugo (6-8 months)
 - Bus garage needs to move
 - Do we have the land for the new school in Hugo?
 - Rescinded offer for land north of Wagners
 - New location north of post office/West of 61
 - Sale contingent on bond passing
 - Two Hugo schools so close - could neighborhoods be divided?
 - Haven’t drawn boundaries yet
 - Possible, always a line
 - How does the expansion of the high school affect surrounding homes?
 - Plan to build without acquiring homes
 - No use of eminent domain
 - Looking to acquire homes, if looking to sell
 - Trying to squash rumors - many misconceptions
 - Please check district website for correct information
 - What would the high school Sport Complex look like?
 - South Campus stay as is (a lot of recent improvements)
 - Work to improve North Campus
 - Fieldhouse - indoor track
 - Looking to have fields, but not seating of 3,000+ (like football stadium at S. campus)
 - What is the plan to accommodate current large classes sizes?
 - Trying to not invest in temporary solutions
 - Working to accommodate all students
 - What is the back-up plan, if the bond referendum does not pass?

- Not spending a lot of time on back-up; really pushing for this
 - Going to need room - will have to regroup
- How does the growth/passing of bond affect jobs in the district?
 - Growth - possibly 200-300 new employees
 - Looking forward to the challenge
 - Desirable district; attracts good employees
- Why not two 9-12 high schools?
 - Not a lot of land
 - New construction cost is too expensive
 - Divide the community
 - All Bears - even those not in “White Bear Lake”
 - Would create two very different school communities
 - More course offerings
 - Expanding career pathways opportunities
- Insights shared by Julie Steffensmeier - teacher in Centennial District based on experiences with a similar bond referendum
 - Educate voters on what the question will look like on the ballot
 - All need to vote...don't assume that others will be out to vote
- Check out the website - filled with great information!
 - <https://www.isd624.org/about/facilities-planning/building-our-future>
 - Very transparent and comprehensive
 - Rumor VS. Reality - can check for clarity

3. Secretary's Report - Katie Jones

- Approve May 2019 Meeting Minutes
 - Motion to approve by Kari Milhoffer
 - Seconded by Jason Healy/Lauren Schliecher
 - Members voted: Passed

4. Treasurer's Report - Lauren Schleicher

- Treasurer's Report
 - Overview of 2018-19 budget final numbers
 - Budget - \$55,300
 - Total actual income - \$58,915.66
 - Total actual expenses - 48,320.15
 - Income surplus from fundraisers - \$2,239.85
 - Income surplus from other income - \$1,175.81
 - Actual surplus of funds (earned money vs. spent money) - \$10,595.51
 - 2019-20 Budget Overview
 - Budgeted expenses - \$52,680
 - Projected fundraising income:
 - Box Tops \$1,400 (down from last year, use the app!)

- Fall Fundraiser \$25,000 (Direct Donation Drive)
 - Will make if we raise \$25 per student
- Spring Fundraiser \$20,000 (TBD)
- Casino Night \$3,000
- Projected other income:
 - Membership dues \$280
 - Direct Donations \$3,000 (funds raised outside of Fall Fundraiser drive)
- First expenses coming through!
 - Website and magnet purchases
 - Quickbooks renewal for year
- Fall Fundraiser right around the corner!
 - Anticipated expenses from fundraiser approx. \$1,000
 - to be offset by income
- New Website Details
 - www.hugoonkeapta.org - CHECK IT OUT!
 - Feedback appreciated
- Motion to approve the budget by Angela Thompson
- Seconded by Lori Mosser
- Members voted: Passed

5. Principals' Reports

- Jason Healy (Hugo)
 - No report due to length of bond referendum discussion
- Lori Mosser (Oneka)
 - Having a great beginning of the school year!

6. President's Report - Angela Thompson

- Report on PTA member, Ethan Carruthers
 - Ethan was in a devastating car accident on July 20th.
 - He has been in the ICU/hospital; now in transitional care
 - Link to Ethan's Caring Bridge
 - <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/ethancarruthers>
 - An informational handout was shared with ways to support the family's current needs. Please keep Ethan, Molly, and Kira in your thoughts!
- Information about a possible Spring Fundraiser in committee reports below.

7. Open Positions

- Board Positions
 - One year term; two year limit
 - All but VP are starting second year in current roles
 - All seats will open in Spring - time to start considering candidates
 - Katie Solem discussed the change in bylaws to keep one of the treasurers

on for a third year, so both do not vacate at the same time.

- Nominations in April; election in May
- Possible President's Seat Opening
 - Anglea Thompson is running for school board
 - if elected in November, will need to step down by January

8. Committee Chair Reports

*Only reporting for this meeting; all others in October (due to the length of meeting)

- Fall Fundraiser - Lauren Schleicher*
 - Direct Donation Drive
 - No selling; no products; no door-to-door
 - 100% profit - minus ~\$1,000 costs (about \$1 per student)
 - Sign-up Genius to come
 - Data entry
 - Envelope stuffing
 - Money counting
 - Request by Elizabeth Ulmer to have Venmo/Paypal accounts
 - Paypal account on website
 - Laruen will look at adding Venmo
- Bingo Night - Stephanie Lohmann*
 - October 11th; 6:30-8:30; Oneka gymnasium
 - Published time on calendar as 6-8pm
 - Celebration/free event
 - Donations needed
 - Candy Bars - for winners
 - Non-perishable Food - Hugo Food Shelf
 - Looking for volunteers - contact Stephanie at eslohmnn@msn.com
 - Planning committee
 - No meetings
 - Sign-up for tasks via email
 - Volunteer at the event
- Box Tops - Katie Solem/Lauren Schleicher*
 - Flyer went home on 9/13
 - New app
 - Scan receipt; send earned \$ to designated school (choose Hugo/Onkea)
 - Can also cut out (double-dip) until phase out on boxes
 - Submit in November and March
- Book Fairs Oneka - Kari Milhofer
- Book Fair Hugo - Katie Jones/Lauren Schleicher
- Roller Skating -
- Yearbook - Michelle Allshouse/Kristi Beck*
 - Teachers will receive an email about Google Folder to share photos
 - Connect with Michelle if you have photos to share
- Winter/Spring All School Run/Community Color Run Event - *

- Boosterthon - brief overview of possibility
 - 90% run by them; 10% run by PTA
 - Only ask community/businesses for one time support
 - Community building
 - Boosterthon staff shares STEM/Character building opportunities
 - Collect donations/pledges
 - Separate for each school
 - Two week support
 - run/dance in gyms
 - All students can participate
 - Community Color Run - May 2nd
 - Open to all; community event
 - Sign-up to participate
 - Free event for community - supported by funds earned from Boosterthon

9. Open Forum

- Anthony Vomela - Little Free Library (LFL) Update
 - Anthony and a few friends built 3 LFLs over the summer
 - Built one for for Hugo, Oneka, and one for a future school
 - \$529 final cost; would have been \$1,200, but build by hand
 - Check them out! Leave a book; take a book!
- Jessica Miehe - Children's Performing Arts "Theatre Night-Out"
 - Children's Performing Arts in Hanifl Performing Arts Center in WBL
 - Hosting a PTA Night Out
 - Show - "Runaway Learning Machine"
 - Saturday, October 13th
 - Two performances - 2:00pm and 7:00pm
 - 10% of ticket sales will come back to our PTA
 - Brought handouts to send home in Friday Folders
- Ms. Megan Majerle - Hugo Story Series funding request update/details
 - Came to PTA last spring asking for \$1,300
 - Requesting additional \$580 to cover more students/more expensive books
 - 30 extra kids
 - Less quality \$1.00 books
 - Was Budgeted under "All School Book Clubs"
 - Would require reallocating money from "Special Funding" line
 - Motion was made by Lauren Schleicher
 - Seconded by Chrissi Miller
 - Members voted: Passed

10. Attendance Drawing

Gift Cards

- Melissa Stuessy - Target
 - Anthony Vomela - Grundhofer's
- Oneka Parking Spot
- Katie Babcock

Motion Made by Angela Thompson to adjourn the meeting
Seconded by Jason Healy
Meeting Adjourned: 7:35

Thank you for your time and dedication to helping our students, staff, and schools! We appreciate your thoughts, help, and commitment! Please join the PTA and give action to your voice; WE need you on our team! Membership forms available at all meetings, and also on our all new website: www.hugoonekapta.org. Check it out!!

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Next PTA Meeting:
Monday, October 14, 2019 @ 6:00 pm
Oneka Elementary Media Center

