

**PTA General Meeting  
Tuesday, April 26, 2016**

*These minutes were approved by the general membership at the June 7, 2016 General Membership meeting.*

**Attendance: attendance sheet attached in notes  
Meeting called to order at 9:30 a.m.**

**Misc PTA Business**

- Attendance Sheet, Treasurer's report, Meeting Agenda as attachments
- Motion by Liza Yore to approve meeting minutes from 1/26/16, seconded by Beth Perullo.
- If current or future board member needs chairs to lead any events or committees that fall under their domain next year should let Beth Perullo know so she can advertise on website.
- Next General PTA meeting is Tuesday 6/7 at (evening meeting, start time TBD) in the Library.
- Melissa Johnson announced that due to the slate not being posted for the minimum required time frame (14 days), the general membership is being asked to vote on the slate at our next General PTA Meeting on Tuesday 6/7. Slate is currently posted for membership review.
- PTA Convention is May 20-22 in Yakima. Board members (both current and future) who are interested in attending should please speak with Melissa. PTA funds are available to cover convention fees and travel.

**Principal's report – JoAnn Todd**

- A big thank you to PTA for bringing in snacks and treats on Friday 4/8. The teachers and staff really appreciated this.
- There were several open positions at the administration level at NSD – most have been filled (by promotions of current Elem and Jr High principals). Superintendent search continues
- Community Serve Day – HHE will participate in this program on Sunday 8/21/16 from 9 – 1 p.m.. Teachers are current submitting their project wish lists. There will be a large number of volunteers on site that morning to help with both classroom and outdoor projects.
- Collaborative Wednesday update – the staff has been working with the book 'Intentional Talk' which covers structure and leading of projective math discussions. Each week they cover another chapter and then put what they learned into practice in their classrooms

**President's report – Melissa Johnson**

- Golden Acorn Awards – committee (led by Denise Need) currently reviewing nominations (nominations will still be accepted if they are submitted this

- week). Goal is to have recipients selected in May so they can attend awards brunch in early June as well as be recognized at our end of year assembly.
- CSD – PTA Coordinators will be Jackie Giardino, Krista Hines, Kamrin Wheeler and Sarah Brittingham. Meeting with JoAnn scheduled for 5/3
  - Room Parent – would like to have these parents selected and in place as close to beginning of school year as possible so they are available to assist with back to school communications. B Perullo suggested a letter from PTA go out at the same time teacher letters go home in August.
  - Beth Perullo will be working with Barbara Forsman to go over communications for next year.

### **President Elect/Advocacy Report – Charla Griffy-Brown**

- HHE received another mention in WV Weekly for STEM fair. This was a great event and very well attended (over 200 participants). Co-chairs met post-event to debrief. Charla thanked Audrey Kozel and Carrie Altman on co-chairing the event with her and for all their hard work and amazing results!
- Distributed a one page description of current self-select Challenge course program for jr. highs. The district is in discussion to eliminate challenge courses at Middle School and this is being discussed at 4/26/16 NSD Board meeting. Parents and students are encouraged to attend.
- A parent committee submitted a proposal to NSD to encourage them to maintain current challenge course model when schools transition to Middle school. Details can be found on <http://saveourchallenge.blogspot.com>.
- PTA encourages parents to be aware and informed about this issue.

### **Treasurer Report – Louise Harb**

- PTA can only develop a budget for 1 school year. Louise will run upcoming 5/3/16 budget meeting.
- The success of 2016 auction leaves PTA in a very good financial position to have adequate funds for our upcoming needs.
- Louise is working on getting a lot of information in place prior to meeting and will also look to ‘clean up’ some line items on Treasurer Report for items or events that our PTA no longer utilizes (these line items need to be voted on).
- The 5/3 meeting will likely run longer than a typical board meeting, board members should plan accordingly. Other members are welcome to attend. *It will begin on 5/3 at 9:15 in Portable 2 (but if it extends past 11:30, we will need to move to conference room).*

### **Ways and Means - Beth Perullo (presenting for Christie Messmer)**

- Photos of auction available online (courtesy of parent Torrey Edwards of Porch Swing Studios). Christie Messmer also made a 2016 auction display board with the photos.

- Very successful event – current data shows PTA raised over \$58k. Once matching funds come in (depending on matching company, can take over a year), this number may grow to over \$60k.
- Box Tops – next collection date this Friday 4/29.
- Also – please don't forget to register for Amazon Smile. Funds raised through this program are directly deposited in PTA account – very simple to sign up.
- Both Target Red card and Red Robin (sign up through RR rewards card) earn funds which go directly to school (not PTA) but are still great programs, please sign up if you utilize any of these businesses!
- Spirit Wear – final order form for this year will be available soon. Thinking of ways to encourage students to wear their spirit shirts/colors more often ('Wear it Wednesdays')

### **Community Outreach – Connie Glass**

- Food Drive is this entire week. Donations will be picked up daily (volunteers welcome). Donations will be given to Hopelink. Non-food items (toiletries, paper goods) are welcome too. Pizza party awarded to 1 primary classroom and 1 secondary classroom with the largest amount of donations.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation – 'Russian Tea Room' theme light lunch fare will be this Thursday 4/28. Sign up Genius was sent out by Louise, if you want to be added to this distribution list, please email her. More lunch items (main dish, sandwiches, etc.) are needed.
- Teacher/Staff Appreciation week is first week of June – details to come.
- Rachel Ustorf will head Teacher/Staff Appreciation for next year, she would like a co-chair to run this with her.
- Talent Show – auditions complete, rehearsals on 4/27 and 5/4. Show on 5/6 at 6:30 (reader board needs to be corrected as it currently states 6:00). Volunteers needed on 5/4 at 2:05 to assist with pulling out stage. Approximately 20 acts this year.
- Art Walk – 5/20. Art docents asked to present 2 projects for each classroom. We are renting tables and display boards from district (to be delivered 5/19). However, volunteers cannot set up in gym until 3:45 on Friday.
- Field Day will be Wednesday 6/15. Volunteer request will be sent out soon to all parents.

### **Enrichment – Diana Christiansen** (Diana submitted items for the consent agenda prior to the meeting)

- 6<sup>th</sup> grade graduation will be the afternoon of Friday 6/10
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade picnic will be Monday 6/13
- Will request assistance from both 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents for 6/10
- 3 cash registers are in PTA office – does PTA have a need (consensus answer was no). Can offer them to staff by putting on table in break room. If there are not claimed, they can be donated.

- Cupboard (between library and activity room) is stuffed with napkins, plates, cups, etc. PLEASE check here first before buying any of these items for PTA events. In addition, check PTA office where there are many items like streamers, ribbon, etc
- All-school slide show at end of year assembly? It was determined that this is a school function as this is not a PTA assembly.

**Northshore Foundation and SEPAC - Denise Need**

- NSD Luncheon raised \$165k for grants. Some HHE students (both 2<sup>nd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>) were at the Expo prior to the luncheon to demonstrate their PLTW skills.

**Meeting Adjourned @ 11:10 a.m.**