

HEWITT PTA MINUTES 1/11/17

- Called meeting to order
 - Quorum Count
 - **President's Report (Laura Altman):**
 - Thank you to Melissa Livingston for the teacher appreciation light luncheon, and to 5th grade parents for the desserts
 - Thank you to Debra/Kim Sullivan for the Holiday Boutique
 - Thank you to Sharon, she has been doing a great job with fundraising
 - We just received Box Tops check for over \$1K, so keep that up—makes a difference
 - Kaitlyn Bird had a blood drive first weekend in December, very successful
 - Our bylaws were renewed—amended them and approved adding 5th VP for SEP
 - Dr. Johnson is retiring, effective 6/30/18
 - Read Dr. Johnson's statement and BOE statement
 - Vote on PTA statement re: superintendent search—
- APPROVED
- BOE said they will have to add search expenses to the budget
 - Class Balancing Committee has been finalizing policy, final draft will be available on the 18th. Called "Alternative Enrollment Options" now, hoping to be more standard across the board
- **Principal's Report (Mrs. Pryke):**
 - Snow Days—
 - If there is one, will be notified via ConnectEd, app or website
 - Delayed is 2 hours later than normal open, so 11:05am for Hewitt
 - Whether there is bus transportation depends on the bus company
 - No Project Great in the morning if delayed opening
 - We have a new custodian staff working hard to get school ready;
 - Mr. Doris is back as head custodian, Scott Fasher (sharing w/ Covert), Jeannie Francis, Robert Attela
 - Emergency Procedures—
 - Teachers review all procedures; they are part of faculty handbook.
 - Including:
 - Fire Drills

- Shelter in Place—kids remain indoors, perimeter locked, but still move around school. Ex-policy activity in village
- Hold in Place—kids remain in classroom, usually temporary. Ex-medical issue, fight in halls.
- Evacuation Stay on Grounds—leave building, stay on school grounds. Ex-chemical spill in lab.
- Evacuation Leave Building—major emergency. Ex-bomb scare, fire.
- Lock Out Drill—students/staff remain in school, secure all exits, don't answer the door or let anyone in.
- Lock Down Drill—intruder situation, most serious. Any staff member can call this. Look into hall, get kids/faculty into nearest room. All teachers have roster; all kids must be accounted for.
- Elopement Drill—if child leaves building.
- If there is an emergency, there will be a ConnectEd/EBlast to parents as soon as it is possible to do so.
- If there is something going on in the village, police call administration, and someone from Dr. Johnson's office notifies the schools.
- Parent mentioned that SSHS makes you scan license to gain access to school, any plans to do this at Hewitt?
 - Mrs. Pryke thinks it is a good idea, wants principals to get together and suggest that all elementary schools utilize that technology
- Family Math Night tomorrow, 1/12/17
 - 6:30pm K-2nd in the gym, 7:15pm 3-5th Auditorium
- Kindergarten Registration tomorrow, 1/12/17 at SSHS, Rm. 1314
 - 8am-11:50am, A-L and 1pm-4pm, M-Z
 - Right now have 58 potential kindergarten students
- Q&U Wedding Friday, 2/17/17 at 10am, "Sweetest Day".

Reception to follow. 2 tickets per child.

- Katie Schumacher doing Ted Talks at Molloy. Tickets go on sale Jan 23rd, and the speech "Don't Press Send" is March 31st. She wants the support of Hewitt.
- State Tests coming up, 3/27 is ELA, math is 5/1. Parent asked when any opt-out letters should be sent, Mrs. Pryke said letters should be sent to classroom teacher whenever. Children who are opting out should still come to school.

- Motion to approve the November 2016 minutes

- ***Treasurer's Report (Katie Rocafort):*** as of 12/31/16, checking balance was \$44,495.87 and CD was \$8,587.04, for total assets of \$53,082.91. Income from 7/1/16-12/31/16 was \$75,891.39 and expenses were \$39,156.54, for a net income of \$36,734.85.

- **Fundraising:** Sharon couldn't be here, but she gave Laura notes. Charleston Wrap was a success, 72 families participated. Between CW and chairs/umbrellas, we made \$5,361.

- **AIM (Christine Ferazani):**
 - Christine said they are working on getting Marion Blumenthal (author/Holocaust survivor) to come speak to the 5th grade. She is in the BOCES system, working on details now.
 - They are getting better feedback with more grade-specific events, vs. super large assemblies. Kids/teachers seem to prefer it that way.
 - 3rd grade did the Art Traveler program, kindergarten went to Elf, 2nd will get Charlotte's web, 4th will get Woodlands, 5th grade Anne Frank. Working on Number Drummers for K, Bats for 2nd Grade, another author for 3rd grade (would like him to push into 1st and 2nd grade too). Some of these are scheduled already, others are still being finalized.
 - Mrs. Pryke mentioned that grade-level programs are better for teachers, more in line with the grade syllabus
 - Christine is going to let SEP know when assemblies are planned so parents can prep/notify their children.

- **SEP (Liz Mullen):**
 - If anyone is transitioning to middle school with an IEP, there is a meeting at the MS on 1/17 at 7pm in Rm. 118 (invitations were sent out). SEP will then do coffee & share at 8pm. Dr. Leahy will be there, as well.
 - Hoops for All will take place for next 3 weeks (not this coming one, because of MLK) at Rec Center. Looking for volunteers, 5th grade and up. Don't need to know anything about basketball.
 - Tuesday, Feb. 7th at 7pm at SSSHS there is a forum re: regents and diploma options. They want to hear from parents, a lot of other districts will be there, it is HUGE that it is in RVC. Very important to show support, as it will eventually impact all of us.

- **PARP:**
 - Starts in the beginning of March
 - Jamie Devine is looking for volunteers

- **Amazon (Sarah Brakstad):**
 - So far we have raised \$588 from November through now.
 - Continue to spread the word!
 - Might be able to use with the app, need technical assistance

- **Reflections (Beth Borruso):** Award ceremony at 2/7/17 at 7pm. We had 8 students advance to Nassau competition level, and 1 to state level.

- **Yearbook (Rita Morrow):**
 - Running smoothly, have sub-committees gathering photos
 - If you order before 3/1, \$25. After that date, \$40
 - Sent link if you want to add pictures
 - Love Lines are on sale until 2/15, only for 5th graders though

- Next PTA meeting is Tuesday, 2/7 at 7:30pm in Library