

# Highland Creek Elementary PTA

## General Membership Minutes

September 2, 2009

Location: Highland Creek Elementary Multi-purpose Room

The first General Membership meeting for Highland Creek Elementary (HCE) PTA, for the 2009-2010 school year was held on September 2, 2009. The meeting was called to order at 6:33 p.m. by President Gretchen Biedrzycki.

### Welcome

Gretchen welcomed everyone to the first meeting and said she was thankful for the great relationship the PTA has with the teachers and staff.

### Principal's Report

Dr. Ann Nivens welcomed everyone and thanked them for coming out to support our school.

- Dr. Nivens shared the proficiency scores from last year:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>07-08</b>	<b>08-09</b>
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade math	86.3	91.8
3 <sup>rd</sup> grade reading	74.4	81.4
4 <sup>th</sup> grade math	84.2	94.9
4 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	74.7	86.9
5 <sup>th</sup> grade math	84.3	92.5
5 <sup>th</sup> grade reading	67.9	79.1
Overall math	85.0	93.1
Overall reading	72.6	82.8
5 <sup>th</sup> grade science	44.8	64.9

- The reading test was new in 07-08, so the scores were lower statewide in that area. Dr. Nivens said she is proud of the instruction as you can see the improvement in all areas.
- We were fortunate not to lose any teachers in the recent budget cuts. We actually added a class (53 last year, 54 this year) so our student population supported all our teachers. Our enrollment also allows us to have 2 art teachers, 2 PE teachers, 2 Music teachers, 2 Media teachers, 1 Technology teacher, 1 part time media assistant.
- This year only kindergarten has assigned teacher assistants. The remaining teacher assistants rotate through the grade levels to provide additional math and reading support.
- The school is looking for volunteers to help with car line in the morning to make up for the fewer teacher assistants usually helping out with that activity.
- Dr. Nivens thanked Eagle Scout Thor Draper and the PTA for the landscaping that was done. She also mentioned that HCE was fortunate to be able to have grass planted and temporary irrigation as part of the Ridge Road Middle ground work.

### Report of Officers

- *Treasurer's Report:* Holly Sims delivered the treasurer's report. See Financial Summary 2009-2010 for details.
  - The financial audit of the 2008-2009 school year has been completed and submitted to NCPTA.

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- We have slightly less in the bank than in previous years, but we are still in good shape.
- The budget shows we are hoping to get \$20, 000 or more with this year's major fundraiser. Boxtops, pretzels, and Harris Teeter VIC programs have been successful in the past and we hope that will continue.
- Movie Nights are helping teachers get items for their classrooms and attend training.
- The current budget is based on last year's actuals. The 2008-2009 final budget is available on the HCE PTA website.
- *Approval of 2009-2010 Budget:* Gretchen made a motion to approve the HCE PTA 2009-2010 budget. The motion was seconded and passed.
- *Advocacy Report:* Tiffany Morgan delivered the advocacy report.
  - The focus for advocacy will be on the November 3, 2009, election as our current District 1 School Board representative is not running for re-election.
  - Tiffany introduced Robin Bradford's campaign manager Nakiya Cohen, Rhonda Lennon, and Gail Summerskill who will be available for questions immediately following the meeting.
  - MeckEd is sponsoring a forum for the three candidates on September 23, 2009.
- *Fundraising Report:* Denise Lynch delivered the fundraising report.
  - Our main fundraiser will be the Boosterthon Fun Run October 6-15, 2009. The students will be asked to gain pledge dollars for each lap completed or a flat amount.
  - The Boosterthon team will visit each class each day of the event. They will discuss character development, physical development, and geography. Each student will receive a t-shirt and materials explaining the event.
  - The Fun Run will occur on October 15, 2009. The track is 1/16 mile with each lap having a different exciting theme. Parent volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. More information forthcoming.
- *Volunteer's Report:* Gretchen delivered the volunteers report.
  - Membership forms were available for those that had not yet joined.
  - The PTA Manager volunteer system keeps volunteer information such as email address and volunteer interests. This system will allow the PTA to move toward an electronic newsletter.
  - All volunteers must register in the CMS volunteer system.
  - Louise Carte was introduced as the chairperson of the FAN (Friends and Neighbors) club. This group will reach out to community members who do not have students at HCE to match them with volunteer opportunities at the school.
  - In light of the budget cuts, the school is in need of help with car line and cafeteria monitors. Contact the school office if you are interested in volunteering.
  - Open PTA positions include Director of Student Enrichment, Retail Incentives, Father/Daughter Dance, Art, Music, PE, and Tech. More information about these positions can be found on the HCE PTA website.

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### Announcements

See attached agenda for a list of upcoming events.

- Dr. Nivens recognized the staff members present.
- Dr. Nivens announced that Flo Green is assisting while Assistant Principal Heidi Copeland is on maternity leave. Dr. Nivens introduced JR Beavers, Teaching Assistant Principal. Mr. Beavers discussed the Strategic Plan 2014 community meeting September 9, 2009 at Vance High School at 7:00-8:30 p.m. Please rsvp to him if you are interested in attending.
- Ms. Hoke announced that several teachers are signing up on the DonorsChoose.org website and asked that parents take a look at the site for ways to contribute.

### Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Colette Chenault*  
*HCE PTA Secretary*