

Highland Creek Elementary PTA

General Membership Minutes

March 10, 2010

Location: Highland Creek Elementary Multi-purpose Room

The third General Membership meeting for Highland Creek Elementary (HCE) PTA, for the 2009-2010 school year was held March 10, 2010. The meeting was called to order at 6:40 p.m. by President Gretchen Biedrzycki.

Welcome

Gretchen welcomed everyone.

Principal's Report

Dr. Ann Nivens welcomed everyone.

- On March 23, 2010, Northeast Learning Community Area Superintendent Scott Muri will present the School of Distinction to the school. Other CMS representatives and potentially Superintendent Peter Gorman will attend the assembly. Representatives from Lowe's Home Improvement will present a grant check of \$6,000. All HCE students will be in attendance. The School Leadership Team (SLT) and PTA Executive Committee have been invited to attend. Due to space limitations, the event has not been broadcast to parents.
- Thank you to everyone who brought items for the monthly Teacher Breakfasts.

Assistant Principal Heidi Copeland addressed the group regarding parking lot changes.

- Despite numerous notes home and Connect Ed calls, parents continue to park (often illegally) and either walk with or allow their children to walk into the building to bypass car line. This presents a safety hazard.
- Upon recommendation of CMS police, the middle parking lot will be used by teachers and traffic cones will block entry. Moving the cones is considered disturbing school property and can result in a ticket.
- A process will be put in place for children who need to be dropped off prior to 8:45 (chorus, safety patrol, etc.)

A quorum was established at 6:42.

Secretary's Report – Code of Ethics

Colette Chenault read the Highland Creek Elementary PTA Code of Ethics. Gretchen moved that the Code of Ethics be approved as read. The motion was seconded and passed.

Nominating Committee Report – Election of 2010-2012 Executive Committee

- Gretchen read from the bylaws the procedure for nominations and elections.
- Nominating Committee Chair Angela Rigsbee announced there was one change from the list printed at the bottom of the agenda. The slate of nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee is:

President – Karen Peterson
1st Vice President – Lisa Lee
Secretary – Kim Hester
Treasurer – Angela Rigsbee
VP Advocacy – Millicent Powell
VP Communications – *open*
VP Fundraising – Stacey Cathey

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VP Student Enrichment – Gretchen Biedrzycki

VP Volunteers – Elaine Baxter

- Gretchen called for any nominations from the floor for each office position. There were no further nominations from the floor and Gretchen declared the nominations closed. Gretchen then called upon each office and the above nominees were elected to the appropriate office.

Ridge Road Middle School Update

Vicki Taylor announced that Ridge Road Middle School is hosting an Open House for rising sixth graders on March 11, 2010, from 6:00-7:30. She asked the parents and students stop by the PTSA table and consider ways to get involved.

Treasurer's Report

Holly Sims delivered the treasurer's report. See Financial Summary 2009-2010 for details.

- Approximately \$26,000 has gone to teachers so far this year.
- There has been an influx of non-sufficient funds (NSF) checks. Please remember children will not be allowed to attend PTA activities if an issue is outstanding.

New Business

- The recent Father/Daughter Dance was discussed.
 - The question was raised if the Ridge Road Middle School gym could be used to alleviate some of the crowding. Gretchen commented that this was discussed for this year but not seen as viable as the school was new. It could be considered an option for next year.
 - It was suggested that feedback be solicited from dads who attended.
 - Thank you to all the dads that pitched in and helped as the event was low on volunteers.
 - This was the biggest turnout for the Father/Daughter Dance.
 - Thank you to Cafeteria Manager Cindy Ayers and Custodian Felix Salazar for their help before and during the dance.
- Angela announced that the May General Membership meeting has been moved to May 19, 2010, due to the End of Grade (EOG) tests being earlier this year.
- Angela will contact Kelly St. Clair to see how to get HCE on the CMPD's contact list for Neighborhood Watch alerts. Kelly is the on the Highland Creek Community Board of Directors and is the liaison to HCE.
- Dr. Nivens discussed that, while our second Assistant Principal was cut due to budget constraints last year, HCE was allotted a Teaching Assistant Principal position that JR Beavers has been filling. His schedule is arranged such that he teaches in the morning and performs Assistant Principal duties in the afternoon.

Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Colette Chenault

HCE PTA Secretary