

HighMark Charter School

PTSO Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2016

**Call to Order-** Melody Paul

**Attendance-** Melody Paul, Mary Johnston, Julie Ropelato, Tammi Hill, and Julie Losee.

**Treasurer Report-**

- The projected budget is right on track for this year!
- We actually have excess money and will be asking teachers if there are any needs in their classrooms.

**Read-A-Thon-**

- It was successful!
- Next year Cozy Corner will have to expand to accommodate the demand for this activity during the Read-A-Thon.
- Pledges and snack sales brought in \$5060.00 in funds for the school.
- Moderns Woodsmen will be matching funds up to \$2500.00, which will bring the total profit to \$7560.00!
- A big thank you to Jacque Jeppson and the Read-a-thon Committee!
- \$2500.00 will be allocated to go towards new benches for the front entrance of the school.
- A vote was placed for a second time to vote on if the funds would be used for the benches. Julie Ropelato motioned for the purchase of the benches. Julie Losee seconds the motion. All in favor.

### **Next Year's Board-**

- We will put out a blog post to help recruit new members, for all open PTSO positions.
- We will also put out sign-up sheets at back to school night again.

### **Field Day-**

- Will continue to have bounce houses on Field Day.
  - Regardless of weather.
  - In the event of bad weather, the bounces houses will be moved to the gym.
- Treats will be Rice Crispy Treats donated by Charlotte Harvey. The Students will also receive a snow cone if Field Day is held outside.
- Krystal Dahl will be ordering t-shirts and water bottles for each student. Thank you Krystal! The PTSO will write a check for the cost of these items.
- Each shirt will cost \$4.00 and each water bottle is \$1.05. Melody motioned for the PTSO to purchase these items. Julie Ropelato seconds the motion. All in favor.

### **Teacher Appreciation Week-**

- The Luncheon will be ready for the teachers at 1030am.
- Each day will have its own theme for Teacher Appreciation Gifts.
- Some ideas are a recipe, a note, a picture of the student, a treat, a drawing, or one word to praise the teacher.

### **Used Book Exchange-**

- There will not be a Luncheon this year.
- Instead we will be asking each teacher who volunteers the most in their classroom.
- These people will be receiving a small token of appreciation.

- We will also be thanking those who have dedicated their time to better our school.

### **Used Book Exchange-**

- It will be held May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>.
- Teachers will give students one ticket for every book they bring in, to exchange for a new one.
- If there are any books left over, the library and teachers will be able to use these books in their classrooms.
- All remaining books will be donated.

### **Principal Update-**

- Sage Testing starts in a week!
- The school is looking forward to installing a safety door. This door will be placed after the main entrance doors. Mrs. Krizek, the Assistant Secretary, will be able to let visitors/parents into the school as needed.
  - This will help ensure the safety of our students and staff.
- The principal is looking at placing benches in this waiting area.
  - Modern Woodmen will match the funds received from a fundraiser.
  - She has asked if the PTSO is willing to provide the funds from the Read-a-thon, which will allow a fundraiser for The Modern Woodsmen to match funds with.
  - The PTSO has agreed, funds from the Read-A-Thon Fundraiser will go towards new benches in the schools entry way.
- Next year, the junior high will be switching to an AB schedule.

- Other junior highs in the area have already switched and adapted to this schedule.
- Students struggle with going to the same seven classes every day. The new schedule will allow them a day between classes, for extra time to get work done.
- The daily schedule for junior high students will be as follows: classes will be 80 minutes long, advisory will be 25 minutes long, 30 minute lunch break, and 5 minutes passing time for each.

**Concerns/News-**

- There is NO parking between the school and the field during pick up and drop off.

**Upcoming Events-**

- Used Book Exchange May 9<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup>
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 2<sup>nd</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>
- Field Day May 25<sup>th</sup>

**Next Meeting-**

- The next PTSO meeting will be held April 10, 2016 at 2:00 pm.