

HighMark Charter School

PTSO Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2016

Call to Order- Melody Paul

Attendance- Melody Paul, Mary Johnston, Lisa E. Byram, Jaque Jeppson, Tammi Hill, Julie Losee, and Emily Coombs.

Treasurer Report-

- Mrs. Hill has provided the PTSO with countless hours of support with almost every event this year. For her continued support, the PTSO will support her classroom (and the other third grade class) with \$400.00 towards a 3D printer. Melody Paul asked the PTSO to vote on providing Mrs. Hill with the \$400.00, Emily Coombs motioned to approve the funding and Lisa Byram seconds the motion.

Read-A-Thon-

- April 8th is the date.
- Pledge packets will go home soon.
- Wristbands to participate in six different activities will be sold the morning of.
 - Some of the activity options will be to wear slippers, hoodies, bring a stuffed animal, blanket, or pillow, etc...
 - More details to follow, including prices for each activity.
- Two tables and two carts will be set up to sell treats and snack items, including hot dogs, popcorn, soda, and nachos.
- There will be a Cozy Corner set up in the library.

- One or two corners will be decorated into fort like structures, with bean bags and giant stuffed animals.
- Students will be able to pay for a group of their friends (5-6), and will get to go read for a 30 minute time frame.
- Three meetings for the Read-a-Thon committee have been arranged to help them prepare for the event.

Next Year's Board-

- The PTSO placed a vote for Emily Coombs to be President Elect. Julie Losee motioned for Emily to be President for the school year 2016-2017. Principal Mary Johnston seconds the motion.
- 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.

Box Tops-

- Winner for this quarter for the most Box Tops turned in is Ms. Anderson's class.
Congratulations!!!

Principal Update-

- 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 Readathon Fundraiser will go towards new benches in the schools entry way.
- Buses for field trips.
 - If the PTSO were to fund one field trip per grade it would cost \$3000.00.
- 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.
- Next year, HighMark will be changing its release time to 3:00pm Monday thru Thursday and 1:00pm on Fridays.
 - The number of minutes the students must be in school will be met with the new time change.
- Mrs. Rigby is working on Grants from Walmart and other local sponsors.
 - These grants will pay for new trees, that a local service group will come and plant.

- The grants will also pay for a heavy duty picnic table, to meet the needs of the junior high students, who like to eat their lunches outdoors.
- South Weber City has approved for HighMark to receive the holding pond beside the school.
 - This new area will turn into a field, for the students to play in during recess.
 - South Weber City has agreed to contribute \$25,000 towards filling in the holding pond. HighMark will also have to contribute \$25,000 towards finishing the project.
- The parking lot lines are wearing off and need to be redrawn.
 - The principal is talking about redrawing the lines so that carpool is easier.
 - The 3rd carpool lane will be turned into teacher and visitor parking.
 - Then three carpool lanes will be drawn in between the designated parking.
 - The new carpool directions will be directed by the junior high students.
 - The video will be played during Back to School Nights and it will be placed on the school blog.

Concerns/News-

- Read Across America Winners
 - The grades were divided into two sections 1st-3rd would compete and 4-6th would compete.
 - The two top classes from these sections would receive a pizza party.
 - The runner ups from both sections would receive a cookie/popcorn party.
 - 2:30pm was the designated time for these parties.

- Future Book Fairs
 - The school/librarian will continue to host the book fairs.
 - PTSO will help support the book fairs, by providing volunteers to help with set up, tear down, and manning the cash registers.
 - The librarian/school will be in charge of providing cash for the register. In order to be able to make change, for transactions.
 - The librarian/school will also be in charge of paying the book fair invoice, and will receive all profits from the book fair.

Upcoming Events-

- Read-a-thon April 8th
- Volunteer Appreciation Luncheon May 10th
- Used Book Exchange may 9th-13th
- Teacher Appreciation Week May 2nd-6th
- Field Day May 25th

Next Meeting-

- The next PTSO meeting will be held April 12, 2016 at 7:00 pm.