

New Hope-Solebury Elementary School

Home and School Association

Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 27, 2010

Call to order:

The monthly meeting of the Home and School Association was called to order by President Beth Keating at 10:05am on October 27th, 2010 at the Lower Elementary School.

Present:

Those in attendance were Beth Keating, Chris Antell, Donna Zalewski, Mary Dupont, Jenn Primavera, Erin Chrencik, Brenda Taylor, Paula Saxton, Beth Houlton, Ken Silver (LES principal), Pamela Lang (LES guidance counselor), and guest speaker Joyce Mundy (Assistant to Superintendent for Curriculum).

Correspondence:

No correspondence to address.

Treasurer's report:

Our three biggest annual expenses include \$4,000 for the Artist in Residence program, \$4,000 for assemblies at both the UES and Les, and \$4,000 for Teacher Grants. The H.S.A. board members will have to decide in the future if we will need to bring back a product fundraiser in order to meet this year's goals.

Review of past events:

Kidstuff books:

A total of \$3,100 has been raised for the H.S.A. with this fundraiser so far. Approximately 70 books remain outstanding. Notes are being sent home in backpack mail this week to remind those families with outstanding books to either return payment or send the books back.

Donations:

To date, approximately \$4,700 has been given to the H.S.A. from the family donation letter sent out last month. This is approximately \$2,000 less than our goal of \$7,000.

Teacher Grants:

The H.S.A. board members met last week to discuss the H.S.A. teacher grant requests. This year we had approximately \$12,000 dollars in requests and only \$4,000 to give towards those requests. Beth Keating is meeting with the UES and LES principals to see if we can partially fund most of these grants.

Cultural Heritage Night:

Cultural Heritage Night was a huge success and Beth has received a lot of positive feedback about the event. Although this was not a fundraising event, approximately \$200 was raised which should cover the copying costs and other miscellaneous expenses associated with the event. Approximately 200 people attended the event and approximately 18 tables were displayed.

Card Art:

Card art pictures have been submitted. There were approximately 186 people participating (18 more participants than last year).

Ongoing or Upcoming Events:

Spirit Wear Sale:

Spirit wear will hopefully be available for ordering in the next week or two through Sportswear Plus's online ordering system. Samples of items available on the website will be on display at upcoming H.S.A. events.

Trunk or Treat Update:

No chairpersons were available for update.

Playground equipment drive:

Those present briefly discussed the possibility of having a donation drive in the near future to help fund playground equipment (balls, jump ropes, etc.).

Kids Voting:

Beth Houlton, coordinator of Kids Voting for the New Hope-Solebury polling sites, spoke about the Kids Voting process and to ask if we could try and find a few more volunteers to help cover the 5 polling sites from 4-8pm on Tues., Nov. 2nd.

Pizza Bingo:

Pizza Bingo is scheduled for Friday, November 19th at the LES. Volunteers are needed, please contact Karen Giller at kgiller@comcast.net.

LES Report:

LES Principal Ken Silver spoke with Pamela Lang, LES guidance counselor, about the issue of bullying at the LES level and how they teach children conflict resolution at the LES level. Pamela Lang also spoke about a speaker that she had recently arranged to speak to parents at the UES regarding a drug education awareness program for elementary school children called "Listen Up". This program is geared towards teaching drug awareness to very young children. Pam Lang, also an NHS Cares committee member, would like to invite the presenter to speak at a future H.S.A. meeting about the program. This was agreed to by the H.S.A. board members.

Guest Speaker:

Joyce Mundy, formerly our Middle School principal, presently our school district's Assistant to the Superintendant for Curriculum, spoke to those present at the meeting regarding her new

position and job responsibilities. She also spoke of a conference she was invited to attend in Washington, D.C. recently as a result of her being named Middle School Principal of the Year. This conference was attended by middle and high school principals from across the country who were given the opportunity to meet with representatives about current legislation that will be impacting schools. She shared with the group issues that have or will be directly impacting Pennsylvania school systems in the near future.

Adjournment:

Meeting adjourned at 11:30am.

Next meeting to be held on Wednesday, Nov. 17th at 10am at the UES.

Respectfully submitted,

Jennifer Primavera, secretary