

E.R. Hughes Monthly Minutes: October 8, 2008

Meeting called to order at 7:10pm by Co-President Susan Nackley-Mojave, with 62 members in attendance.

Secretary's Report: Correction to the September 11, 2008 report. Change PAARP to PARP.

Treasurer's Report: The Report was filed for audit. There were changes on the proposed budget. The money from Principals /Presidents and PARP Conference was put into State Convention. Also, \$1,500 was the projected income for Spirit Wear Sales included in the budget.

Correspondence: Sudha Cherukuri announced that we received thank you's from Sarah Lamb and the Kindergarten teachers for the Back to School lunch.

Principal's Report:

Mr. Dunn said that the Health & Safety Committee would be meeting soon to follow through on the lock down and begin the phone tree.

Michelle Borba will be at Hughes on Oct 14th to discuss her book Building Moral Intelligence . There will also be an evening with Ms. Borba on Oct. 15th for parents and community members. This month's virtue is empathy.

Mr. Dunn attended a workshop in Syracuse with Debbie Pikkering that focused on BEST PRACTICES and ways to foster students and teachers alike. At this point, Michelle Jackson was the first to know who John Adams was when Mr. Dunn asked the group.

Mr. Dunn thanked parents for sending them to school prepared to follow procedures and with a "ready to learn" expectation.

President's point: Susan Nackley Mojave discussed a Summer Experience workshop she attended which encouraged keeping committee reports short. We will now be implementing a 5 minute time frame to give the committee report in order to keep meetings moving along. Sudha would be the "flasher" to ward a committee chairperson if they were running out of time. (red/yellow cards)

Standing Committee Reports:

Book Fair: Mary Anne Murray reported that the Book Fair will be Oct. 20th-24th with family night being on Oct 21 & 22. A volunteer form was passed out to sign up.

Health and Safety: Marlene Biernat stated that the phone tree folders are out. It is suggested that these folders are kept in your car. She also reported that the Smoke House was a success and that the Corresponding secretary, (Sudha) needs to send a thank-you note to the New Hartford and Willowvale Fire Departments.

PARP: Susan Havlovic stated that PARP is on-going and that Mr. Dunn is reading the names of students who are participating during morning announcements which has been exciting for the kids. The rabbit in the hallway is almost to the magic hat and the assembly with Leon Entiene, the magician will be on Friday, Oct 17th at 9:30am and 10:30am.

Spirit Wear: Jodi LaBella said Spirit Wear is a fundraiser and thanked Dena & Greg Gorea for the color copied flyers that went out previewing the choices. There is a display out in the case to view only! Jodi also made clear that the hooded sweatshirts run small and to order at least one size larger. The fleece jackets will be royal blue and not navy blue. The order forms are due by next Friday 10/17. Jodi also thanked Shelli Athari for all of her work on the PTA website where all of this information can be viewed. Ms. LaBella informed Mr. Dunn that the money raised from this would be earmarked for classroom libraries.

Reflections: Jodi LaBella stated that Allison Carbone is the co-chair with Jodi. The projects are due Nov. 3rd and the theme is WOW!

School Pictures: Missy Love spoke for Kari Kirkpatrick and said that teachers are presently signing up for times and pictures will be on Oct. 27th & 28th.

Box Tops: Missy Love also spoke for Danyse Collins and stated that you can submit your box tops by the end of the month. Anything received after that date will be saved for the spring. It was also mentioned that Price Chopper & Hannaford offers shopping points as well.



PTA Council Meeting: Maria Burynski said that the AAA project was discussed as well as awards won by 2 high school seniors and the Ribbon Award won by Perry Jr. High. There are also 22 acres being looked at for the cost of \$250,000. They also discussed the PARP convention on Oct. 18th and the PTA convention on 11/7. Michelle Borba's evening was also discussed.

Ecology Club: Lorey Zaman stated that permission slips are going out soon to students in 4th through 6th grade to join the Ecology Club. October 20th will be the 1st meeting. They will meet after school until 4:15pm. Parents need to provide transportation home.

Membership: MaryAnne Murray stated that there are presently 352 members for the 08-09 year.

Newsletter: Dawn Butler stated that she still needed to hear from 9 people for the upcoming newsletter by Friday, October 10th.

Yearbook: Lorey Zaman said that pictures can be uploaded to a site soon and that Room Parents can take and submit pictures throughout the year preferably not "hard copies".

School Board: Michelle Tuttle stated that the School Board discussed enrollment with Hughes having the highest elementary enrollment. They also spoke about AMO which by 2014 will expect a rating of 200. New Hartford is presently rated in math at 198. 3rd through 8th grade testing reflected that 19% of New Hartford students exceeded in tested areas and 97% of New Hartford High Schoolers are receiving Regents diplomas. The PE mandate was also discussed and Mr. Dunn stated that his recommendations will not include taking away recess time.

Virtues Committee: Susan Nackley Mojave stated that the Virtues Committee kicked it's year off with empathy being the first virtue. There will be a coat drive for a local refugee center and flyers will be going out soon with more detail. The coat drive will be starting Oct. 15th.

Basket Bonanza: Missy Love stated that there will be a meeting Oct. 9, @1:30pm to kick off the basket bonanza. There will also be a basket drive and people can drop off empty baskets to the office. The Basket Bonanza will be March 13, 2009.

6th Grade Committee: The first meeting was held for the 6th grade committee and a communications chairperson was fairly chosen. Lorey Zaman will chair this and she stated that the first mass e-mail had already gone out. If you want to help out, you may contact Lorey Zaman.

Teacher Representative: Mrs. Montana was unable to attend tonight's meeting.

Unfinished Business

Vacant Committee Chairs:

Fun Fair Chair

Spring Fling Chair

There will be no DARE program this year due to the Sherriff's budget.

New Business

Shelley Athari made the motion to pass the amended budget, Anne DuRoss 2nd and the motion unanimously passed.

Announcements

No school October 13, 14

PARP – Leon Entiene Oct. 17

Teacher B'fast New Hartford Senior Center Oct 18th 7:30-10:30AM

Book Fair October 20-24 (Family Nights Oct. 21-22)

Early Release October 23 11:45

School Pictures October 27-28

Committee Chair Mtg. October 28 7pm

Oct. 29 "The Hill Brothers" assembly K-6

Early Release October 30 11:45

Halloween Parties October 31 2pm

Empathy coat/warm clothing drive Oct. 15

Next Meeting November 5th 1:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:05 p.m.



Presidents Susan Mojave Missy Love	Vice President Dena Gorea	Secretary Stacey Manno	Treasurer Lynn Moretz	Corresponding Secretary Sudha Cherukuri	VP Ways & Means Jodi LaBella	VP Membership Mary Anne Murray
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