

## 9/28/2011 – Hoffman Trails Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

### Attendance –

Susie Alexander, Arun Balakrishnan, Teresa Blake, Tammie Bucci, Joy Caudill, BJ Hites, Amy Kline, Tawnya Lewis, Shelli Miller, Alene Moore, Jodi Ransom, Becky Ricciardo, Kelly Schulze, Kevin Schulze, Carol Slavka, Julie Spencer, Bobbi Wagner, Lori Wright

The September PTO meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by PTO co-President, Julie Spencer. Introductions were made by those in attendance.

### Secretary's report – Carol Slavka

- Attendees asked to sign in on the attendance sheet. Minutes will be emailed to those in attendance for approval. Last month's minutes were approved, distributed by email and posted on the Hoffman Trails website. Copies are available at the meeting for those who haven't seen them.

### Levy – Issue #17

- Jody Ransom and Matthew Sparks attended the meeting to speak on behalf of the levy. Issue 17 is the Hilliard Schools 5.9 mils operating levy that will be on the November 8<sup>th</sup> ballot. If not approved, over \$10 million in cuts will occur throughout the district. Voting for the levy will maintain what Hilliard Schools offers. Matthew Sparks spoke as a Hilliard resident and teacher about the importance of passing the levy for our schools.
- Franklin County property assessment – the district expected a 8% loss in property values, but there was only a 5.5% drop in Hilliard values. This is part of the reason the millage amount is less than in the May election.
- Visit [www.forhilliardschools.org](http://www.forhilliardschools.org) for more info on the levy.
- After a discussion concerning the PTO's support and endorsement of the levy, a motion was made by Kelly Schulze to donate \$300 from the PTO to support the levy and for the PTO to endorse the levy. The motion was seconded by Susie Alexander. The motion was approved.

### Cub Scout Update – Amy Kline

- As of today, 12 new scouts have registered this fall.
- Summer day camp – 20 cub scouts, 3 siblings, and 14 adults attended the day camps at Camp Lazarus this summer.
- 17 Scouts received summertime awards for participating in activities over the summer.
- The first pack meeting of the year is September 29<sup>th</sup> with the theme of cooperation.
- Next weekend is the fall campout.
- Fall Family Fun Night on Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup>. The cub scouts will be organizing and hosting this event. Bobbi Wagner is the event chair. More info will be coming soon.
- Cub Scout leadership changes were announced. New leaders for Tigers – Max Fisher, Shannon Ricciardo, and James Gross. New leaders for Bears – Joy Caudill and Robert Granville. No changes at other levels. Motion to approve the leadership as presented was made by Amy Kline and seconded by Lori Wright. Motion was approved.

### Principal's Report – Shelli Miller

- Community Forum on 9/19 was covered on ABC6 and FOX28.
- Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of Cody Jewell has been established by Julie Caserta, 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Hoffman Trails. Her goal is to raise \$3000 for the scholarship fund. She is running in the Columbus marathon in October to raise money for the fund.
- October 17<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> – International educators will be attending a conference in Kentucky October 21<sup>st</sup>-25<sup>th</sup>. Hilliard has partnered with Olentangy Schools and attendees will attend school in Olentangy one day and 1 day in Hilliard Schools. In January, there will be a visit by international students and educators. Details of which schools are still being worked out.

- District report card was presented for both the district and Hoffman Trails. Hilliard Schools are #2 in the state in value added results. Report card is available online at: <http://www.ode.state.oh.us/reportcardfiles/2010-2011/BUILD/140822.pdf>

#### Spirit Wear – Teresa Blake for Diana Sopko

- A large stock order was placed prior to open house. Sales were good at open house.
- Spirit wear will be sold at the Tailgate on 10/28 and at the Family Night on 11/11.
- The PTO made \$64 on the hats and bows by Kelly Johnson since the last meeting.

#### Treasurer's Report – Teresa Blake

- Funds to teachers and staff are being distributed this week. Many thanks to the PTO for their support.
- Chipotle spirit night last week brought in \$548 to the PTO.
- We have not received amounts from the Mama Mimi's and Romeo's nights yet.
- Next month, Mama Mimi's night on 10/13 and Romeo's on 10/27.
- PTO reimbursement fees are still coming in. \$3992.50 has been received, so this is slightly more than the \$3960 budgeted.
- Box tops – Kim Movshin has submitted \$372.30 for the Box Tops program.

#### Hop-a-thon Fundraiser – Kelly Schulze

- Event is this Friday, September 30<sup>th</sup>
- Over 20 volunteers have signed up.
- A video was shown to students about the event.
- \$2574.93 has been spent so far. 300 balls were purchased for the event and prizes.
- Balls will go home on 9/30 and 10/10 and will be deflated beforehand.
- Students will be jumping in the gym.

#### Monthly Tastings – Kelly Schulze

- Fruit/vegetable sampling will be held monthly
- Volunteers are needed to distribute samples during lunch

#### Tailgate Night – Kelly Schulze

- Friday, October 28<sup>th</sup>, food by Skyline Chili
- Tickets will be \$7.00 for adults and \$5.00 for kids. All you can eat event.
- Tickets will be sold prior to the event and available at the door.

#### Publishing Shop – Lori Wright

- A Cricut machine was purchased from the publishing shop funds last year. Training is underway.
- Alene Moore is the new chair for the Publishing Shop.

#### Hilliard Education Fund

- HEF is not asking for the annual contribution for 2011-2012.
- The HTEPTO donation of \$500 should be returned.

#### Field Trips – Susie Alexander

- Second grade took a field trip to landmarks and local parks/monuments last year. They would like to do again in November. Estimated cost is around \$400.
- Field trips are not funded by the schools at this time.
- A discussion followed concerning grades and field trips desired/planned.
- For 5<sup>th</sup> grade, a field trip for Biztown is already included in the PTO budget for the year.
- A total of \$1000 additional dollars are budgeted for other field trips.
- The estimated cost for a field trip with 2 buses at 5 hours is around \$265 plus mileage.

- A motion was made by Tawnya Lewis to approve up to \$400 each (\$2000 total) for field trips for grades Kindergarten, 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and 4<sup>th</sup>. The motion was seconded by Susie Alexander.
- The motion passed for \$2000 for field trips. \$1000 will come from the field trip line item in the PTO budget. The other \$1000 will come from the carryover funds.

ISPTO Update – Tawnya Lewis

- Meet the Candidates night hosted by the ISPTO on 10/11 at 7:00 pm in the Auxiliary Commons at Bradley HS. There are 5 candidates for the Hilliard School Board vying for 2 open positions.
- Fundraiser for HEF at Carrabba's on 10/1 from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm.
- ISPTO meetings – October meeting is Meet the Candidates night. November meeting is on 11/29 at 7 pm at Tolles. There will be a tour and culinary students will prepare food.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:20 pm by Julie Spencer and seconded by Susie Alexander. Meeting adjourned. Next meeting is on Tuesday, 10/25.