

## **Hauser PTA September Meeting Minutes**

Date: September 11, 2008  
Meeting called to order by Kathy Barcal at 9:00am

### **Officer's Report:**

\***Treasurer:** Mary Lescher reported that audit for 2007-08 has been completed. Cash on hand as of 6/30/08 is \$5,476.97. Mary presented proposed budget for 2008-09. New budget was approved by the PTA membership in attendance.

\***Secretary and Correspondence:** Correspondence folder passed around. May Minutes were approved.

### **Power School:**

\*Mr. Vern Bettis, Directory of Technology, said that all Hauser parents will be able to begin using the Power School website on October 6<sup>th</sup>. Power School is an online grade book where parents can monitor their child's grades, attendance, assignments, etc... Instructions, along with individual passwords, will be mailed to each family prior to the Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> startup date.

**Superintendent's Report:** Dr. Lamberson provided an enrollment update. Enrollment in District 96 is up 6% (1,457 students). Hauser enrollment is up 10% (489 students). The District offices have moved to Mater Christi School in North Riverside to allow for 3 additional classrooms at the Hauser/Central campus. The district is close to reaching, and possibly surpassing, it's all time high enrollment.

Dr. Lamberson also discussed a few District goals: Adopting a "Civility and Courtesy" code, meaning that all communications are to be courteous and professional in tone and that all phone messages and emails are to be returned within 24 hours. If you do not hear back from a staff member within 24 hours, please contact again, sometimes emails do not make it though filters. Another goal is revamping the District website during this school year, please provide feedback if you have any suggestions.

The District is also hoping to issue 5<sup>th</sup> graders individual laptops that they will use for 4 years. Grants and donations will be used to fund this program if approved by the School Board.

**Principal's Report:** Ms. Berman said that the school year is off to a very good start. She reminded everyone of three important events coming up: Fall Parent Night on 9/11 at 7pm, the Music Faculty Recital on 9/17 at 7pm, and MAP testing, which takes place the week of 9/15. Ms. Berman met with students to remind them not to bring valuables to school and to keep their lockers locked. Hauser is not responsible for theft or loss. She also asked that students remind parents to never drive through the school parking lot, it is unsafe.

Ms. Berman stated that she and her staff are working on two key areas that need improvement: school supply lists and communication. She is aware that families had difficulty finding additional supplies and will work on ways to alleviate this problem. Communication is already improving due to Feedblitz. Also, parents will have access to the daily announcements on Power School's announcement page (begins Oct. 6th).

**Teacher/Student Presentation:** Mr. Wolf, Ms. Janik, and students gave a Language Arts presentation that focused on bullying. Through short stories and role playing, the students learn how to best handle certain situations involving bullying.

### **Committee Reports:**

\*Membership/Calendar/Directory – Sylvia Buh and Lisa Vais: all preordered calendars will be distributed by the end of the week. Additional calendars are available for purchase in the office for \$5. Directories are almost complete and will be distributed within the next two weeks.

\*Magazine Drive – Michele Kmet and Becky Malloy: packets are due 9/19.

\*Spirit Wear – Ellen Benya and Ginny Lee-Hermann: sale will be 9/15 – 9/26. Samples will be on display at school.

\*Original Works – Kathie Kunish: packet and order forms will be sent home soon. Art workshop will take place on Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>, more information to follow.

\*Honor Roll Breakfast – Kirsten Jantze and Pam Liska: first breakfast is on Dec 16<sup>th</sup> at 7am. Let Kirsten or Pam know if you would like to volunteer.

### **New Business:**

\*We need a Hauser representative at each School Board Meeting. If you are able to attend a meeting please contact Kathy Barcal. The next two meetings take place on 9/16 and on 10/21.

### **Important Dates to Remember:**

9/15 – Smart Club Meeting and Spirit Wear sale begins

9/16 – Board of Ed Meeting at Ames 7:30pm.

9/17- Student/Faculty Volleyball game 3:30pm and Faculty Music Recital 7:00pm

9/19- Sock Hop 3:30pm and Magazine Drive ends

9/23- Picture Day

9/24 - 9/26- Lorado Taft

10/1 & 10/2- Pride Parent Meeting 7:00pm

10/1- RB & Hauser Choir Festival 7:00pm at RB

10/7 – RB & Hauser Orchestra Festival 7:00pm at RB

10/10 – Early Release Day (11:30am)

10/11 – IMEA Auditions

10/13 & 10/14 – No school, Columbus Day and Teacher Institute Day

10/15 – Original Works Workshop 5:00-7:00pm at Hauser

10/18 – SCVC Volleyball Tournament

10/20 – Smart Club walk to billboard

10/23 – Red Ribbon Speaker 1:00 and 7:00pm

10/24 – Cake Walk 3:30pm and Freaky Friday 7:00pm

10/25 – Smart Club Great America Trip

10/26 – REEF Lincoln & Pre Civil War Sites Tour

10/29 – Student/Faculty football game 3:30pm

11/11 – Veteran’s Day Program 9am

11/13 – PTA Open Forum at 6:00pm PTA Meeting at 7:00pm