

## **Hauser PTA November Meeting Minutes**

Date: November 13, 2008

\*Meeting began at 6:20pm with an Open Forum Discussion. Ms. Berman, Mr. Bettis, and Dr. Lamberson were in attendance.

\*Power School (the online grade book) was first discussed. Mr. Bettis gave a demonstration on how to use Power School and answered a few questions.

-Elementary schools may begin using Power School next year starting with 5<sup>th</sup> grade.

-Hauser students are asking to have their own password so that they may access their grades, this may happen as soon as mid second trimester.

-Teachers are working hard to keep the online grades current.

\*Accelerated Reader: Parent asked if this program would continue since the computer system has had a hard time running the program. Mr. Bettis said that it is up and running and will continue.

\*Canine Drug Search last spring: Parent asked if drugs were found at Hauser during the police led search. Ms. Berman said absolutely no drugs were found at Hauser.

\*8<sup>th</sup> Grade Pride Conference: Parent asked about the future of Pride, had heard rumors that it was being discontinued after current school year. Some parents in attendance felt strongly that Pride was invaluable to the children of the community and asked why it was being discontinued. Ms. Berman said that there will be a new 8<sup>th</sup> Grade trip that will replace the Pride trip starting in the spring of 2010. She said that some of the subject matter at the Pride Conference was suited more towards High School age students and that Mr. Wolff was planning a new 8<sup>th</sup> grade trip. She said Mr. Berwanger would not be involved next year, that his plans were to retire as a Consultant to Hauser, and that Mr. Wolff is ready to lead the new trip. There was much discussion on the subject, more information to follow.

\*Crossing Guards: Parent asked if the Village were to cut funds to pay Crossing Guards, would the District pick up the cost. Dr. Lamberson said that the District would make sure that we did not lose any Crossing Guards.

### **Regular meeting called to order at 7:20pm**

\*September minutes were approved.

\*Principal's Report: Ms. Berman reported that four new lifecycles were donated to the school and would be used in the fitness room.

-Parent/Teacher/Student Conferences are on the 24<sup>th</sup>. Please call the school to set up an appointment with your child's team.

-Thanked PTA for all that they do, including the magazine drive, spirit wear, and staff dinner during Conferences.

\*Treasurer's Report: Mary Lescher gave report, \$14,036.93 cash on hand as of 11/13/08.

\*Committee Reports:

-Magazine Drive: This is an ongoing fundraiser; orders can still be placed online.

-Spirit wear: Has been distributed, please call Ellen Benya (see Directory) if you have not received your order.

-Original Works: Kathy Kunish reported a profit of \$250-\$300 on this fundraiser.

- Reflections: Contest information went home, entries due by December 1<sup>st</sup>.
  - Fall Play: This year's fall play is "A Flea in Her Ear"; dates are 11/18 and 11/19. Girl Scouts will be collecting donations at the door.
  - Teacher/Staff Dinner on Nov. 24th: Volunteers needed to help. Call Kim Michl if interested in helping.
  - Family Dinner: Olga Andrulius and Fran Guerrieri are looking for volunteers to help with this January event. The first planning meeting will be held at the Library, 7pm, on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
  - \*New Business and Announcements: Mary Stimmings attended both the Sept. and Oct. Board of Education meetings, she gave a brief overview.
  - \*Nancy Hopkins announced that Central School recently changed from a PTA to a PTO and suggested that Hauser consider doing the same. She explained why Central School decided to make the switch.
- Meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

### **Dates to Remember:**

- Board of Ed. Meeting – 11/18 at Blythe Park 7:30pm.
- Fall Play – 11/18 1pm & 7:00pm, 11/19 at 7:00pm.
- Early Release – 11/21 at 11:30am.
- Parent/Teacher Conferences and Staff Dinner – 11/24.
- Thanksgiving Break – 11/24 – 11/30.
- SMART Club Meeting – 12/1 3:30-4:15pm.
- Food Drive Begins – 12/4.
- Winter Concert – 12/10 2:00 & 7:00pm.
- Sock Hop – 12/12 3:30pm.
- Honor Roll Breakfast – 12/16 at 7:30am.
- Food Drive Display – 12/17 7:00 - 10:00pm.
- Food Drive Display – 12/18 7:00 - 11:00am.
- Early Release – 12/19 11:30am.
- Winter Break – 12/20 – 1/4.