

**Hunters Woods PTA Meeting
October 15, 2009**

The regular meeting of the Hunters Woods PTA was held on October 15, 2009 at the Hunters Woods Elementary School Library. The meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by PTA President Susan Sather.

The September 17, 2009 meeting minutes were read and approved as corrected.

CORRESPONDENCE

none

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan Sather

A quick reminder about Kiss n Ride procedures: students should exit on the passenger side of the car as soon as the car reaches the sidewalk. Students do not need to wait to get to the front of the line unless they must exit on the driver's side or require assistance.

Susan recognized and thanked the following volunteers and staff:

Malinda Goodrich for organizing the Bus Drive and Crossing Guard Appreciation Week

Thea Bazzini and the other volunteers for making Sno-Kones at Chalk 4 Peace

Art Teachers for the Chalk 4 Peace Event

Jennifer Davis Heffner, Kelly Kroll, and Thea Bazzini for Fall Harvest Festival and their support team, especially Marisa Besselievre, Marina Matthes, and Lisa Groves

The middle school students who kept games, activities, and food booths running smoothly

Raba Letteri for over \$3,000 in apparel sales this month

The volunteers who responded to a last minute opportunity with Whole Foods, resulting in a nearly \$1100 donation to the Hunters Woods PTA, as well as the PTA at 2 other local schools

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Delillio

The audit report has been filed for our records.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Olivia Toatley

We are now more than half way through the first quarter. Enrollment is currently at 1025 students.

Thanks to everyone who helped with Chalk 4 Peace and Fall Harvest. Thank you to the PTA for funding an upcoming cultural experience. A Peruvian dance group will visit the school tomorrow.

The Art Department is looking for volunteers, especially helping with materials preparation. Mrs. Toatley will explore the possibility of South Lakes High School IB Art students volunteering to help.

We have established a partnership with the Reston Community Center that has resulted in 16 sixth grade students performing with Carla & Company, a Washington, D.C., dance company. They have been working hard with Mrs. Fredgren to prepare for their November performance.

Mrs. Morris is a member of the board for Reston Arts in Public Places who is looking to repaint the tunnels in Reston. The Glade tunnel – near the school – is on the list. We need parents to help with this effort.

We are continuing to follow established protocol for handling the increasing number of H1N1 Flu/Flu cases we are seeing. Please keep students home for 24 hours fever-free without medication before returning to school. Earlier return puts entire classrooms at risk of infection.

Jill Stewart will be contacting Phonemic Awareness volunteers.

TEACHER'S REPORT

Candace Hunstad

We love to have volunteers help in the classroom, especially with our younger students. K/1 has needs in the morning during stations and as reading buddies.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

After School Activities

Kelly Rowell

We continue to look for someone, or a team, to volunteer to co-chair this program next year.

Chalk for Peace/Sno-Kone Social

Susan Sather

Chalk 4 Peace was a success. The PTA provided free Sno-Kones.

Yearbook

Jennifer Davis-Heffner

We are in need of a co-chair for this year who can chair next year. Co-chair needs to come on Tuesday afternoons to work with the 5th and 6th grade students who staff the yearbook. We have about 5 returning from last year. The students do all the editing. We are adding 4th grade learning cottage photographers this year.

Fall Harvest

Jennifer Davis Heffner & Kelly Kroll

Thanks to all the volunteers who made Fall Harvest a success. We had some great feedback from several attendees. The middle school students did a great job helping with games, activities, and food booths. We are looking for chairs for this event next year. Current chairs will provide documentation and support.

Sally Foster

Chrissy Tobias

School sales have ended. Orders will be delivered to classrooms for Teacher Conference days (November 2, 3). Orders may still be placed online throughout the school year.

Book Fair

Shreeti Kapoor

The Fall Book Fair will be held November 16 – 20. Set up is on November 13th. Volunteers can sign up to help via VolunteerSpot.

Directory

Jeri Thomas

The draft of the directory is available in the front office until Friday at 2:00 p.m. Please check your family's entry. Changes may be emailed to directory@hwpta.org.

Grocery Store Programs

Ann Kuhlkin

We are working on getting a number for Giant.

Apparel

Raba Letteri

Apparel orders have been sent to our vendor.

Custodial and Cafeteria Appreciation Week

Susan Sather

Custodial and Cafeteria Appreciation week is next week. Tami Holsten is organizing the luncheon which will be held on Wednesday, October 21st.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

We received a request from Mr. Bloch's class to pay shipping fees in support of a classroom community service project. Jennifer Arakelian motioned to pay the fees. Kelly Horton-Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Karen Montagne is working with Diane Beers to determine effective ways to utilize our Community Outreach budget. We are considering adding a budget line item to support **classroom** community service projects. We need a committee to determine policies and procedures, including the definition of community, and how to show what students learn from the experience.

Hunters Woods parent Naren Aryal presented Mascot Books. Mascot Books are books about colleges and sports teams based on their mascots. They have started doing books for elementary schools. The books for public elementary schools are used as fundraisers. Mr. Aryal would like to develop a book for Hunters Woods featuring Maury the Mustang. We would need volunteers to head up the order process and help write the book.

Julia Kropp-Sullivan would like to increase Hunters Woods presence at the South Lakes Homecoming Parade. She will be creating a flyer for distribution in Tuesday folders.

If you have any contributions to the PTA's weekly eNews, please submit them to enews@hwpta.org by Tuesday.

Kelly Horton-Geer is currently working to improve the PTA website. If you have any input, please send it to webmaster@hwpta.org.

Mini Grants

1. Mini Grant – Ms. Andraos and Ms. Needham, Special Education teachers, requested \$300 to purchase materials for weekly cooking activities used to provide therapy for some of our students with special needs. Jennifer Arakelian motioned to approve the mini grant. Marina Matthes seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Mini Grant – Ms. Welter, Math Resource teacher, requested \$350 for manipulatives and games to support a new math learning environment. Marina Matthes motioned to approve the mini grant. Avis Russell seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Mini Grant – Ms. Small and Mr. Carter, school counselors, requested \$240 for prizes for “Ways to be Bully Free” poster contest. Shashi Ravishankar motioned to approve the mini grant. Kelly Horton-Geer seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next Meeting: Thursday, November 19th, 7:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

Monday, October 19th – Friday, October 23rd	Cafeteria & Custodial Staff Appreciation Week
Thursday, October 29th	Picture Day
Friday, October 30th	End of 1st Quarter
Monday & Tuesday, November 2nd & 3rd	Parent/Teacher Conferences
Friday, November 13th	Sock Hop
Monday, November 16th – Friday, November 20th	Book Fair
Thursday, November 19th, 7:00 PM – 8:00 PM	PTA Meeting
Friday, November 20th	Thanksgiving Lunch
Wednesday, November 25th	2 Hour Early Release
Thursday & Friday, November 26th & 27th	NO SCHOOL

Kelly Rowell, Recording Secretary

The minutes were:

_____ approved as written

_____ approved as corrected

Date: _____