

**Hunters Woods PTA Meeting
May 20, 2010**

The regular meeting of the Hunters Woods PTA was held on May 20, 2010 at Hunters Woods Elementary School in the Science Room. The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. by PTA President Susan Sather.

The April 15, 2010, meeting minutes were read and approved as written.

CORRESPONDENCE

We received a thank you card from the Office Staff thanking the PTA for Staff Appreciation Week.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Susan Sather

We are working to improve our Mini Grant Award process. Next year, the Corresponding Secretary will respond to the requesting teacher with an Award Letter and PTA Check Request form in the teacher's mailbox. In addition, the Corresponding Secretary will also ensure that all approved mini grants will be listed in the Hunter's Horn.

There is an urgent need for hostess help in the Cafeteria. If you are available, even for a single shift, please sign up at www.tinyurl.com/HWCafe.

Susan requested suggestions for how to reserve the VIP parking space and seats for upcoming performances. After discussion, she planned to ask Mr. Wiley and the custodial staff for assistance.

Susan recognized and thanked the following volunteers:

Lisa Gordon for Office and Clinic Staff Appreciation Week

Raba Letteri for the Teacher Appreciation Luncheon

Jennifer Arakelian for coordinating Teacher Appreciation Week across the school

Raba Letteri, Tracy Holcomb, Tami Holsten and Beth Atkins for Talent Share

Tami Holsten for Principal's Appreciation Week and luncheon

Jennifer Arakelian, Sandy Angel, Alexis Shield & Marina Matthes for the amazing organization and virtual rebirth of the PTA Office

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Olivia Toatley

Our 6th grade students participated in "Rising Stars", a program to help transition 6th grade students to middle school. The program was hosted by Langston Hughes Middle School at the Johnson Center at George Mason University.

Thank you to the parents, staff, and students for a wonderful Talent Share.

Our first full day of SOL testing was Tuesday. The Reading SOL was taken by all students who are required to do so. The Math SOL is our next school-wide test.

Unofficial results of the 5th Grade Writing SOLs indicate that 99% of our students passed.

Kindergarten Orientation and Magnet and AAP Open Houses all went well. 67 Kindergarten packets were distributed.

We have advertised for a second Assistant Principal next year. As of right now, it looks like our staffing level will remain the same next year, however there may be some changes as to how the staff is allocated.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Pam Delillio

Please submit all reimbursement requests to Pam by June 14, 2010.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Nominating Committee

Marina Matthes

The slate for next year's Executive Board is complete with the exception of President-Elect. The membership will be voting by paper ballot via Tuesday folders. The Slate of Officers for 2010 – 2011 is:

President	Jennifer Arakelian
President-Elect	- empty -
Vice President of Events	Kelly Rowell
Vice President of Fundraising	Susan Sather
Vice President of Technology and Communications	Julie Frutchey
Vice President of Volunteers and Member Services	Alexis Shield
Vice President of Ways and Means	Sridevi Settipalli
Treasurer	Doug Kaspar
Recording Secretary	Debbie Anguizola
Corresponding Secretary	Rasha Bawab

6th Grade Party

Marina Matthes

Planning is continuing; at this point, everything seems to be in place. The 6th Grade Party will be held on Wednesday, June 23rd.

Yearbook

Susan Sather

Yearbook orders are being submitted. Paige Baldwin has been working with the Yearbook team this year and will chair the committee next year.

OLD BUSINESS

Bulletin Board

Kelly Rowell

Kelly Rowell presented several options for a new bulletin board to be installed on the wall just outside the Kiss & Ride entrance. After discussion, the OptiMA outdoor enclosed message center with sliding doors was selected. Kelly will investigate installation instructions and necessary materials. We hope to have the bulletin board installed for the start of the next school year.

NEW BUSINESS

Mini Grants

1. Mini Grant – Ms. Glenn & Ms. Merritt request \$2,000 for materials to help prepare next year's third grade students for SOL tests.
2. Mini Grant – Mrs. Stewart, school reading specialist, requests \$700 for John Claude Bemis presentation to grades 4-6 next year.
3. Mini Grant – Ms. Negri requests \$410 for a watering system for the school's raised garden beds.
4. Mini Grant – Mrs. Stewart requests \$207.90 for interactive read-alouds.
5. Mini Grant – Mrs. Stewart requests \$5,000 to update novels in the book room.
6. Mini Grant – Ms. Larkin requests \$700 to purchase classroom supplies and materials to improve Language Arts centers.

Requested mini-grants exceed the current budget for mini-grants. A vote will be included on the Officer's ballot to increase the mini-grant budget line item.

Marina Matthes motioned to approve all presented mini-grants pending approval of the increase to the mini-grant budget line item. Alexis Shield seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously, with Greg Arakelina, Vernon Matthes, and Bill Sather voting by phone.

Fundraising Change

Next year, the PTA will move away from sales-based fundraising (for example, Sally Foster). Instead, we will have a direct donation campaign. Suggested donation will be \$75 for families with one student at Hunters Wood; \$100 for families with more than one student at Hunters Woods. Participation will include PTA Membership, PTA Calendar, PTA Directory, and admission to 1 family fun event.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jennifer Arakelian thanked Susan Sather for her leadership, mentorship, and the time and energy she has given to the school as PTA President for the past two years.

PTA Turnover Dinner: June 14, 2010, 6:30 p.m., Susan Sather's house.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

UPCOMING CALENDAR DATES

Monday, May 24th	Volunteer Appreciation Open House
Wednesday, May 26th	3 rd Grade Strings Performance
Thursday, May 27th	6 th Grade STARS
Friday, May 28th	2-Hour Early Release
Monday, May 31st	NO SCHOOL – Memorial Day
Monday, June 7th	Concert Rehearsals, Grades 4-6
Tuesday, June 8th	Strings Concert, Grades 4-6
Wednesday, June 9th	Band Concert, Grades 4-6
Thursday, June 10th	Chorus Concert, Grades 4-6
Friday, June 11th	Adventure Day
Tuesday, June 22nd	6 th Grade Advancement
Wednesday, June 23rd	Class Parties
Thursday, June 24th	Last Day of School EARLY DISMISSAL

Kelly Rowell, Recording Secretary

The minutes were:

_____ approved as written
_____ approved as corrected

Date: _____