

Nathan Hale PTSA Meeting – September 23, 2015

Meeting brought to order at 6:40 pm by Diane Schumitsch.

Attendance/Introductions: Mary Schmidt, Diane Schumitsch, Brenda Sopa, Lori Palesse, Jody Henderson-Sykes, Matt Lesar, & Gena Kraemer.

Secretary Report: Gena Kraemer – May minutes approved as is.

Treasurer Report: Mary Schmidt – Presented the treasurer reports for April - September, 2015 and the reports will be filed as is. The budget that was posted on the website since mid-August 2015 was presented, . .

President Report: Diane Schumitsch – Krispy Kreme donated donuts for the meeting, we will send a thank you. .Reflections is open if anyone wants to do that. Need new volunteers to do teacher appreciation. Ordered juice and punch, looking for someone to help and take it over. Will need someone to volunteer to run the Spring (March 3, 2016) dinner for teachers during conferences.

Vice President Report: Laura Weaver – No report.

Council Report – Carnival is February 14th; next meeting is October 7, new committee formed – School Board Committee.

Membership: - Lori Palesse – Membership is at about 200, teacher s will get a hale magnet (puzzle piece) & a puzzle piece and Lori came in for the teacher's breakfast to take memberships

Craft Fair – Diane Schumitsch - November 7th, need a volunteer coordinator to shadow current coordinator. Need someone to put up signs & banners. We need people to help with set up the night before. Diane went down to the city to find out about why banners were taken down and they gave permission and we will not be charged. Printing is done.

Principal Report: Enrollment over 1700 students. Back to school night about 190 parents that was a new format. Teachers will were in classrooms and no bells. Parents just went in and said hello and asked a few questions. Positives from the parents. Teachers said it was a little awkward because some of the rooms had several teachers in a room.

Won the big Hale vs Central game. Soccer was recognized in state polls.

Homecoming is next week. Friday is Tuesday is Salad Dressing Day, Freshmen are Sophomores are Thousand Island, Junior will be French, Seniors will be Cesar. Thursday is generation day—Freshmen will be babies, Sophomores are toddlers, Juniors are adults/business, Seniors are old people. Teachers will be adolescents. Fun-filled week! Theme is Candyland for homecoming. Tickets are \$12 Random alcohol screenings will be done at the door again & they will manage dancing as best they can. Will be talking to the kids about Junior-Senior wars and behavior—making good decisions.

Parent-teacher conferences are October 7th.

Safe & Sober night went very well...Hale had a great showing about 50 people.

Talent show will be October 9th & 10th

Cracking down on technology, used only for studying. Study halls are not where they can use technology unless for academic purposes. Keeping the hallways clear, consistent with rules throughout the school.

Scholarship: Need someone to run this committee. We receive a very nice letter from one of our recipients from last year.

Testing Snacks: Diane wants to purchase the snacks ourselves for the Mar 1 & 2 ACT testing next year. The PTSA will provide.

Unfinished Business:

N/A

New Business:

Teacher grant for World Languages, all students studying a world language. Need a dvd drives to put into their laptops that do not have any. \$163.17. Mary Schmidt moved to pass the grant, Brenda Sopa seconded. Grant passed unanimously.

Next Meeting: October 21st at 6:30 pm in the teacher's lounge.

Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted by,
Gena Kraemer, Secretary Nathan Hale PTSA