

October 14th, 2008 Meeting (DRAFT)

Quaker Hill PTA Minutes

In Attendance: 25 members

President – Tamara Tabor Vice President – Annette Gumbs Secretary – Anna Bakken Treasurer – Sonia Rutchick PTA Liaison – Jean Marlowe

Review of Agenda:

- I. The meeting was called to order at 6:36pm. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
- II. Introductions of officers/Dr. Dexter/staff/members and anyone present at the meeting was done.
- III. Minutes from the September meeting were reviewed. Carlene Lange made a motion to accept. Rachel Gonet seconded the motion. Minutes accepted.
- IV. Treasurer's report was presented by Sonia Rutchick. Debbie Corcoran motioned to accept the report. Sue Tillinghast seconded the motion. Report accepted.
- V. Principal's Report
 - a. CMT results presented by Glenda Dexter and Sue Skogerboe. CMTs are given to grades 3, 4 and 5. Dr. Dexter explained how the testing is done and gave examples of such tests, ie. DRPs. Overall scores of QH in relation to the other schools in the district were compared. District goals and local QH goals were noted. QH school-wide focus is on the reading goals. All teachers are to submit 3 reading goals (exc. Music, art, PE, and Spanish), by October 15th. QH overall is proficient at math and writing. Overall, reading goal targets the most children.
 - b. Question about testing in grades K-2 proposed. First graders are given writing prompts, with a mandated one in the spring. Second graders have 3 writing prompts throughout the year – narrative focused. An emergent writing scale is used for kindergarten.
 - c. Question about degree of difficulty in relation to other state assessments. Cannot compare tests, not standard. (NAAP is the only standard test).
 - d. 5th grade did take a science test last year. Probably will be standardized throughout the area this year.
 - e. Dr. Dexter did follow up with notes from last meeting. The gym is now open, computer lab in use, and books are in the library. QH has won a "green" award. And mealpay did slow down lunch but getting everything figured out.
- VI. Secretary's report presented by Anna Bakken

- a. Yahoo Groups. Currently have invited 113 members, but only 31 have accepted. Not hitting our goal. Did pass around paper to reinvite those members present. Purpose of yahoo groups is to inform, not social.
 - b. Question posed about if we have to post all minutes/flyers on district website. Dr. Dexter to follow up on this.
 - c. Student Directories were issued to one per family. Teachers do not get a book as they are privy to the information on database. Information is not going online.
- VII. President's Report.
- a. Book Fair presented by Carlene Lange. Volunteers are still needed so please volunteer. Family Fun Event titled "The Mane Event" will be on Wednesday the 22nd. Refreshments will be served.
 - b. Requesting donations and/or funds to serve muffins at teacher's preview and Muffins for Moms. Moms/Grandma's are invited to a preview on Tuesday the 21st from 7:45-8:15am.
 - c. Children are invited to wear a costume to the family event.
 - d. Jeannine Fundraiser update provided by Annette Gumbs. Deadline has been extended til 10/15. Fundraiser to be sent in 10/17 to get guarantee of pre-Thanksgiving arrival.
 - e. Pony Tail Drive was a huge success. There were 17 people getting their hair cut, with 19 donations of locks. Dr. Dexter gave certificates. Will do again in the spring or next fall.
 - f. 5th Grade Committee presented by Kim McBride. First meeting was tonight. Election Day Bake Sale is their focus. Hoping to make \$1500 due to the election year. Next meeting is 11/6. Ideas for field trips to be compiled and given to Glenda. The kids will then choose from the list. Popcorn machine to be borrowed from PTA for the bake sale. Need to get the bottom line on funds available to 5th grade. Right now have \$400+change. M Roscover to get in contact with S. Rutchick.
 - g. We only fundraise for specific purposes. All fundraisers need to be approved ahead of time and are usually presented in the spring.
 - h. Movie Night is this Friday. Need help making popcorn. Movie starts at 7pm with Charlie Brown followed by Nim's Island
 - i. Sox Tops must be postmarked by 10/31.
 - j. Next Scrapbooking is November 14th. Need to reserve the art room.
- VIII. New Business
- a. Pasta Dinner to be held on November 7th. Anna Bakken and Krista Geer working hard at this. Businesses have been asked for several donations. Will need volunteers to man tables/sell tickets/help in kitchen and make cookies. Hoping to get 400 people. Flyers to go home by Friday.
 - b. Sunday October 19th to be QH Official Grand Opening at 2pm. City Officials, a Governor Rell representative, and others will present. Students to perform the new QH song. Please attend.
- IX. Meeting Adjourned at 8:20pm