

## Highland Drive PSO Meeting Minutes: January 16, 2014

Meeting Start Time: 9:30am End Time: 11:05pm

- 1 Welcome and Introduce STEM coordinator for BBHCSO: Cathy Roderick
  - a. Reviewed STEM initiative
  - b. Brainstormed ideas to incorporate into Highland Drive teachings
    - i. Mrs. O'Mara and Cathy will talk with staff to find dates that would work to conduct science experiments in the classrooms (1 per grade level) with help from parents using the materials already available to the staff
    - ii. Cathy to email draft to Amy Macy and Kelly Beiswenger to be sent to parent's requesting volunteers
    - iii. Cathy agreed to look into putting together a "camp fair" to showcase the different camps available to children
- 2 President's Report: Amy Macy and Kelly Beiswenger
  - a. Lynn Mountain volunteered to service as Highland Drive representative on Central School Nominating committee
  - b. No lice checks in January per new PSO Council rule
  - c. Beginning the search for Highland Drive Friend of the PSO: forward names to Amy and Kelly
  - d. Market Day Volunteers Needed
  - e. Gifts and Goals
    - i. Voted to change budget amount to \$10K (previous amount of \$6K) Motion: Sheri Dickhaut, 2<sup>nd</sup> : Lynn Mountain
    - ii. The following recommendation for purchases are:
      1. 20 iPads, with recommendation that 5 be permanently housed in the resource room for reading intervention (\$8K)
      2. Case(s)/Cart(s) to look Ipads (\$880)
      3. 17 (one per classroom) Belkin rock star headphone splitters for multiple headsets on single iPad (\$210)
      4. Commercial popcorn popper (\$500)
        - a. Maybe cost more, last machine purchased for \$800 5 yrs ago. Will move to last priority once determined
      5. 2 field trips (\$400)
      6. These are all estimates; the actual cost may be lower due to school discounts, bulk purchasing, etc
      7. Committee asking for discretion in spending within the parameters listed above. Example: if iPad actual cost in \$770 the remaining \$300 may be used to purchase Ipad cart if the funds are necessary
      8. Purchase Approved: Motion: Sheri Dickhaut, 2<sup>nd</sup>: Michele Toth

- 3 Board Members Reports
  - a. Ms O'mara
    - i. STARS reports: scored higher than last testing, will go home with report cards
    - ii. 23 families received gifts for assistance over the holiday
    - iii. One Book, Two Schools in March: Chippewa will be doing it this year as well. Book selected: The Enormous Egg
    - iv. Blue Skies, Green Fields: food co-op, if interested contact Mrs O'mara
    - v. New Health Aid
    - vi. 2 book suggestions for parents: Reign of Errors and Nature Deficit Disorders
  - b. Council Delegate Report: Sheri Dickhaut
    - i. STARS report
    - ii. CITE program, professional development
    - iii. Next meeting open to all February 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am
    - iv. January 22<sup>nd</sup> Bullying Session at Chippewa
- 4 Chairs Report
  - a. Bingo: March 7<sup>th</sup>
  - b. COSI: February 19<sup>th</sup>
  - c. School Supplies: same vendor as last year
  - d. Cafeteria Volunteers: Volunteers needed
  - e. Book Fair: \$4289.71, cash option \$1050.45
- 5 Upcoming Dates
  - a. No School Friday Jan 17<sup>th</sup>
  - b. No School Monday Jan 20<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Next PSO meeting Thursday Feb 13<sup>th</sup>
  - d. Valentine's Day Parties Friday Feb 14<sup>th</sup>
  - e. COSI Wednesday Feb 19<sup>th</sup>