



Highland Drive PSO Meeting Minutes

September 10, 2014

Highland PSO Meeting is a meeting for sharing information and learning about our schools and our district. We encourage you to engage in responsible conversation and healthy discussion on issues to promote better education for children. Please respect each person's time on the agenda.

PSO Presidents, Amy Macy & Meredith, called the meeting to order at 9:31 am.

Officers	Report
<p>OFFICERS</p> <p>President- Amy Macy & Meredith Ondak</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Playground – In collaboration with the district, we installed 5 new benches and basketball rims and hoops, painted playground equipment • “Bee a Buddy” Bench – The PSO worked with Betsy McCafferty and Brownie Troop 70943 to create our buddy bench. The idea is simple to eliminate loneliness and foster friendship on the playground. • Presented at New Family Orientation – Provided refreshments, membership table and school tours. • Indoor Recess in a Box – presented to Mrs. O'Mara in August 2014 • On Thursday, August 28 we held a “Back To School Fling” in the evening for Highland Drive families. We had various tables set up to inform families about some of the things that our PSO offers (Market Day, BlueSkyGreenField, Boxtops, to name a few.) We also sold spirit wear shirts and provided an opportunity for families to pay school fees and put money in their child's lunch account. Children participated in crafts and a scavenger hunt and families enjoyed Bossie's Ice Cream. • Boohoo/Yahoo Breakfast was offered September 3rd at Coffee Club • Spirit Wear – New design was sold at Back to School Fling. One more order will be placed in October. • Highland Island – Thank you so much to Christen Ritter and volunteers for all your hard work and dedication to Highland Island this summer. More exciting news to come...
<p>1st Vice President- Alison Butler</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>Vice President Programs- Rachele Reusser</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Elementary Night at the Bees Football Game • May hold a Fun N Stuff family fun night. It would not be a fundraiser
<p>Vice President Fundraising- Betsy McCafferty</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Raised \$10k last year doing no fuss fundraiser. Average \$60 per family. This will be only fundraiser this year. It's tax deductible. 100% spent on kids. All amounts welcome. Tied into spirit week.
<p>VP of Communications- Michelle Toth</p>	<p>No Report</p>
<p>Recording Secretary- Sue Nall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Please sign in. We need to record volunteer hours of all PSO members throughout the year. Please make sure you track your hours & email them to me or sign in & out in the book in the office.
<p>Corresponding Secretary- Lynn Mountain</p>	<p>No Report</p>

Treasurer- Elaine Perdion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review & will be revising a few budget items. Will vote on the revised budget next month. We need to be careful about funding programs prior to our fundraiser money coming in. 															
Principal- Eva O'Mara	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 335 kids start of year now at 343. Thanks Mrs. Ritter and Mrs. Macy for flowers on property and in baskets. Kindergarten teachers are completing KRA - kindergarten readiness assessment. Higher expectations for kindergartens. Playground - new benches. Kids are loving buddy bench. Just had. PBIS assembly - expectations for day to day encounters. Washing. Hand reminders <p>New staff</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Jennifer Ference - ELL - starting Spanish before school in October Dean Stonadas (sp?) - music teacher from Elyria school Amelia Snidel (sp?) - special ed - from Chippewa Sherri Hodgson - speech and language pathologist - full time 															
Council Delegate Report- Stella Skaljic & Sheri Dickhaut	<p>Shared information from the September PSO Council Meeting. The council minutes are available online.</p>															
Superintendent- Scot Prebles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highland Report Card- Last year highland got 106.7. Increased this year to 108.5. Both good scores. District report card last year had 6 A's, 2 B's and 1 C. This year 7 A's, 1 B and 1 C. We are among top 5% in state of Ohio. Transportation- It's not because of high school that people may be getting home late. It's just learning efficiencies. Goal is no one is on bus more than 45 min. Every stop takes 1 minute. If add routes they add expenses. Enrollment- Increases in 2nd grade (30 more) & 9th grade (50 more)- more kids coming in than ever before. Trying to ensure lowest grade levels have smallest classes. See projected enrollment sheet-.next year 3rd grade will be back at this level. Student population was projected to drop 110 students. Only dropped 40. Levy- November Renewal levy on the ballot. Will try to move from renewal to continuous. This is NOT a new levy so there will be no increase in taxes. This is the last renewal levy. The district has not asked for any new levies in 11 years. Last comment - please continue to support PSO. They raised \$150k for school last year.. 															
AJ Ganim-CheerWorld Programs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After school tumbling at cheer world for 6 weeks. K-3. Discounted price and no registration fee. Highland is on Thursday at 4 pm. If can't go on highland day they can attend another day. 															
Committee Reports																
Membership- Leslie FitzSimmons	<p>As of 9/4, membership totals:</p> <table border="0" data-bbox="472 1528 1242 1759"> <tr> <td>Staff Invites (8/22 ongoing) – Single</td> <td style="text-align: right;">20</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$130</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Staff Invites (8/22 ongoing) – Family</td> <td style="text-align: right;">4</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>New Family Night (8/21)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">11</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$105</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Back to School Fling (8/28)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">39</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$280</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Kid Mail (8/29 ongoing)</td> <td style="text-align: right;">26</td> <td style="text-align: right;">\$240</td> </tr> </table> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> I will bring forms to the meeting for anyone who hasn't yet paid their dues. Michelle is going to include a note about membership in the next eblast, and I will send home the form again towards the end of the month. I'm targeting Oct 1 as the deadline to join. Reminder – Per Highland Drive PSO Standing Rules #27 – all officers and committee chairs must pay membership dues and be active members of the Highland Drive PSO. 	Staff Invites (8/22 ongoing) – Single	20	\$130	Staff Invites (8/22 ongoing) – Family	4	\$50	New Family Night (8/21)	11	\$105	Back to School Fling (8/28)	39	\$280	Kid Mail (8/29 ongoing)	26	\$240
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Cafeteria Volunteers- Allison Nehez	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We are doing one volunteer per day, that we have had a good response for the first month of sign-ups (but there are still some available slots) and any help people are able to offer through the year will be much appreciated!
Staff Appreciation- Megan Hahn & Carolyn Manley	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Sent out "favorites list" to Staff • Back to School Breakfast for Staff Members – August 29, 2014

Dates to Remember

9/12 Elementary Night at the Football Game 5:30p

9/16 Market Day Pickup

9/18- 2nd/3rd Grade Open House

9/25 1st Grade Open House

9/25 Homecoming Parade and Bonfire

9/26 Homecoming Football Game

9/27 Homecoming Dance

10/2 PSO Council Meeting

10/3 Fall Picture Day

10/6- No Fuss Fundraiser/Spirit Week

10/8 Highland PSO Meeting 9:30a

10/14 Market Day Pickup

10/17 NO SCHOOL (NEOEA DAY)

10/30 End of 1st Grading Period

10/31 NO SCHOOL INSERVICE/RECORDS DAY