

# Hamagrael PTA Meeting

April 14<sup>th</sup>, 2011

## Meeting Minutes

### 1. **Call to Order**

### 2. **Presidents' Report: Sharmon Valerian**

- LAB school presentation/brochures handed out; unique opportunities through this program
- Technology proposal: scaled down from initial proposal; will pursue guest network with students bringing in own devices
- Education Center update: mostly likely building will be closing; zoned for residential
- Retirement of Superintendent: last day will be 1/1/12; search committee process will begin

### 3. **Treasurer's report: Ellen Sauer and Sharmon Valerian**

- Report on inflows/outflows with detailed numbers presented; good financial position of PTA

### 4. **Principal's Report- David Ksanznak**

- Thank you for staff luncheon on behalf of staff and faculty
- Mr. K. thanked teachers/staff for wage freezes that were part of concessions in budget process
- Wonderful author visit with Tedd Arnold
- Two SmartBoards obtained through Spring Book Fair credits; will pursue purchasing projectors
- Character Education Grant: High Five Adventures to train some staff on low ropes course; "project adventure." Will hopefully be part of newly acquired land use.
- Request for money to purchase "stone" for commemorative plaque as thank you; part of ceremony on Friday, May 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Will use Hamagrael Publishing for Bare Books; 100 books requested by teachers
- Request for DDR Pads by PE staff. Old pads are no longer usable. New pads would be used during this popular gym unit. Vote taken on purchase of new pads; Purchase approved by PTA members present.

5. **New Business**

- A. Vote taken on purchase of new DDR pads for PE department; Purchase approved by PTA members present.
- B. Vote taken on Scotia-Glenville Museum to come into each grade. Money to do this approved by PTA members present.

C. Committee Chair Reports

- i. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Moving Up Day/ Pit Party: June 10<sup>th</sup>; need bake sale donations; need donations for small gifts for 5<sup>th</sup> graders (\$5-10)
- ii. Green Committee(Lisa Kwong): Two events scheduled including May 5<sup>th</sup> and May 26<sup>th</sup> to Five Rivers and Normanskill; flyers to go out. Pursuing information on “adopting” parcel through Land Conservancy. G.C. will present more information at next PTA for vote.
- iii. Field Day (Christine Edwards): June 17<sup>th</sup>; more info to follow
- iv. Healthy Kids Committee: (Seanan Herrick): Week of May 16<sup>th</sup> is Healthy Kids Week; will have activities each day to coincide; Need for volunteers especially on “Tasting Tuesday”; also need point person to work with school nurse on any student allergies this day.
- v. Art Show/Ice Cream Social: (Seanan Herrick): need volunteers; June 2<sup>nd</sup> 4:30-7pm
- vi. Bus Driver Appreciation Bkfst (Mary Prostick/Beth Krueger): 16 bus drivers; would like to purchase insulated mugs for drivers; will formally request money to get gift; need to look into further on costs
- vii. CAPER – Need New Committee Chairs; Seanan Herrick and Sharmon Valerian have volunteered to be new chairs for 2011-2012.

D. Spring Book Fair Credits – Addressed In Principal’s report above

E. Scotia Glenville Museum – Vote; PTA members present voted to use money to bring museum in for presentations for each grade

F. Fundraiser Idea with local restaurant – mention of possible fundraiser with restaurant; may pursue further however not necessarily large money generator.

G. Chair and Board Member positions for 2011-2012: notice that there will be both Board and Chair positions available for next year. Need to pursue replacements and fill any vacancies.

6. **Old Business** - none

7. **Other**

A. Crosswalk Drop Off Concern

There was discussion among PTA members regarding safety concern when parents park/”stand” cars in front of crosswalk when dropping off

students. Some ideas to make safer included sending out school wide flyer to remind parents not to park/stand cars near crosswalk. Discussion also included having a sign made and making police aware of situation. Mr. K. and parents will continue to monitor and brainstorm ideas to improve safety of situation.

## 8. Adjournment

Respectfully submitted by Amy Davenport, PTA co-Secretary