

Hugger PTA Meeting Minutes
Media Center November 8, 2017

- I. Jeanette Helms, PTA President, called meeting to order at 7:11 pm
 - a. Pledge of Allegiance
 - b. Jeanette welcomed all in attendance including Mrs. Barker, staff, and parents
 - c. Attendance
 - i. 15 parents
 - ii. 2 Staff members

- II. Report of Officers
 - a. **Principal Report**
 - i. Mrs. Barker thanked the Hugger parents, staff, and Fun Run Committee for making it such a great event this year.
 - ii. Mrs. Barker also thanked the Hugger PTA for her recognition on Administrators Day
 - iii. Staff book club has started to help facilitate teaching strategies that can be used in our school
 - iv. November 30th will be the 5th grade music program in the Hugger gym.
 - v. Hugger teachers K-5 are in training for the physical science program that will then be used in conjunction with curriculum.
 - vi. Hugger staff is completing report cards.
 - b. **President Report**
 - i. PTA District Council is encouraging the Sip, Savor, & Shop event happening November 9th in downtown Rochester, which benefits the Rochester Community Foundation.
 - ii. District is looking at the best way to implement social and emotional wellness programs for all RCS middle and high school students.
 - iii. District has received awards for being heart safe.
 - iv. The Hugger Spring Fling will be held on a Saturday this year. Hugger will again be doing the Silent Auction, along with classroom baskets. A request was made for a volunteer(s) to organize and execute the Silent Auction.
 - v. We need volunteers to help get Family Fun Nights going again; looking for someone to coordinate with local area restaurants.
 - vi. Hugger PTA will be partnering with Rochester Neighborhood House to host a holiday tree of wish list items for those in need. A sign-up genius will be created and sent us through the Hugger Hub with specific items and sizes. More information to follow.
 - vii. Jeanette reiterated that the Hugger Hub - through the MySchoolAnywhere app - is our exclusive form of communication for all things PTA, including Husky Highlights.
 - c. **Secretary Report**
 - i. October 4th, 2017 meeting minutes approved.
 - d. **VP of Membership Report**
 - i. PTA has 219 members so far. We are slightly lower than last year's membership.
 - ii. Due to increased popularity and limited space with PTA sponsored AIA Book Club, parent(s) must be a PTA member to have their student(s) participate.

e. VP of Enrichments Report

- i. The Story Lady came to Kindergarten, and was a great success. Positive feedback was received from students and Kindergarten teachers.
- ii. Randy Baker will be coming in December for the 5th grade students. He will be making additional appearances for other grades in 2018.
- iii. Third grade will be receiving a visit from an author (TBD)
- iv. Julie thanked everyone who made a Fun Run donation, which is already directly benefitting Hugger students.

f. Treasurer Report

- i. We met our Fun Run goal! Our Hugger families donated \$20,913.40. Our sponsorship income was \$5200.00, which was an increase from last year.
- ii. Budget has been updated with Fun Run totals.

III. Report of Committees

a. Green Committee, Jane Dick and Amanda Younggren

- i. Green Committee collected 210 pounds of candy to donate to our troops! Our school is in the top 3 schools for amount collected. Final counts are still being calculated by the other RCS schools that participated.
- ii. Hugger will be celebrating America Recycles Day, Nov. 15th. We will be doing the Classroom Paper Recycling Challenge again this year. Prizes will be given to one classroom for K-1, 2-3, and 4-5.
- iii. There is a district wide recycling event on Nov 18th, which will be located at the South Parking Lot of Hart Middle School. The event will take place from 10 am-3 pm. The first 75 families to drop off an item off the approved recycling list will receive a reusable bag.

b. Reflections, Yolanda Brandt

- i. Yolanda received 75 entries from students, which was almost double the amount of entries compared to last year. 45 alone came from 3rd-5th grade.
- ii. All entries will now go through the judging process
- iii. The award ceremony will be at Hugger December 5th at 7:30 am. Location TBD.

c. Authors in April, Valerie Kendra

- i. This year's Kindergarten books were more expensive than what was budgeted for. Budget was \$6-7 per book; actual cost is \$9 per book.
- ii. A motion was made for a one-time addition of \$300 to cover the cost. Motion passed.
- iii. Hugger's AIA committee will again be partnering with Harrington Elementary in Pontiac to deliver books, read to their students, facilitate book clubs, do crafts, and help to spread the love of reading.
- iv. Valerie Kendra asked for all to consider volunteering their time to help keep AIA successful. A variety of opportunities exist via Sign Up Genius, located in the Hugger Hub.

d. Legislative Committee, Kristin Kennedy

- i. SB 584 passed in the Senate. The bill lets citizens (not students) carry concealed weapons (via special permit) in Gun Free Zones, including our schools. The bill would also forbid any school district from having any restrictions against this.
- ii. Kristin encouraged all parents and staff to call Governor Rick Snyder and Representative Michael Webber, to express your concerns over this bill and its possible effects.
 - a. Governor Snyder: 517-373-3400 or via michigan.gov
 - b. Rep. Michael Webber: 517-373-1773 or via gophouse.org

- iii. There is also discussion at the state level about how to fill the teacher shortage
- e. **Founders Day, Joy Lott**
 - i. Founders Day recognizes district wide volunteers and staff
 - ii. Nominations are due Dec. 8th. An information packet was made available at the meeting.
 - iii. Additional information will be coming in the Husky Highlights.

IV. Announcements

- i. Kids, Dudes, and Donuts is coming up November 15 and 16, in conjunction with the Hugger Book Fair. Volunteers are still needed for both, and links to the Sign Ups can be found in the Hugger Hub (MySchoolAnywhere app)
- ii. The PTA board is again encouraging those who may have not signed up for the Hugger Hub to do so
- b. Next PTA meeting will be January 24th at 7 pm in Media Center

V. Meeting Adjourned at 7:48 pm.