

MEETING NOTES POSTED BEFORE APPROVAL

November 16, 2010 Herod PTO Meeting

6:00 pm – Meeting called to order

There is not much to go over for this PTO meeting; the big push was last week – magnet tours, book fair, and donuts with dad.

Treasurer report:

Update on Fundraising programs:

- Rainbow's End has met budgeted amount for the year
- Giftwrap sales were down by \$2000
- Book Fair and Dinner sales were down also, but we don't have final numbers yet

Budget:

- All categories are on target, except for the previously mentioned fundraisers.
- Two additional fundraisers were added (pizza sale @ literacy night and the election bake sale) which earned us approx. \$350 total for both
- The sales tax expense was not previously budgeted.
- All budgeted expenses need to be strictly adhered to.

Tax Situation:

- State - Recently completed filings for unpaid sales tax and we are completely up to date. Total for past years, was slightly over \$3000.
- Franchise Tax filing has also been completed and up to date.

Money savings and money management:

- We have moved banks to one closer to the area and have also opened a high interest savings account, for which we have already earned more interest in one month than all of last year.
- We have changed credit card processing vendors to one with lower fees.
- A 3% service charge will be added to all credit card transactions beginning January 1. As credit transactions have steadily increased, this cost has gone up and we need to pass that cost along for the convenience of being able to continue accepting credit and debit cards.
- We are actively pursuing the recovery of funds from NSF checks written in previous years as well as current. Current year collections are at about 75% of those written and we have received payment on some checks written from previous years.

Other items:

1. Rainbow's End – There is still time of join and we are looking for more families to join.
2. Box Tops – Keep sending them to school.
3. There are still school shirts available for sale.
4. Be sure to put the Herod dine out nights on your calendar. Beck's Prime is new to our list of Herod dine out places.
5. Cookie dough sales will be starting in January.
6. The auction date has been set – February 19, 2011 @ Gatherings in Bellaire.
7. The HISD bullying policy and the PTO meeting agenda are attached.
8. Previous PTO minutes were approved.

Principal Report:

1. We have had a good start to the school year and there have been many parents volunteering at the school.
2. Construction of the new building is on target. We are still hoping to move into the new building in January.
3. Thank you for coming tonight. Please call or email me or your teachers if you have any questions or concerns.

6:20 Meeting called to an end

**Herod Elementary School
PTO Meeting
October 2010**

Welcome

Kristin Reeves/Danna Garcia

Treasurer Report

Lisa Murray

Principal Report

Jerri Nixon

Announcements

Kristin Reeves

Shirts

Auction

Anti-bully policy

Important Dates to Remember:

Thur, 11/18

Wed, 11/24

Wed, 11/24- Fri, 11/26

Wed, 12/1- Thur, 12/2

Thur, 12/9

Tues, 12/14 (7:00 in media center)

Mon, 12/20

Wed, 12/22

Cici's Pizza Night

Chick-Fil-A Night

Thanksgiving Holidays

Gugliani's Nights

Cici's Pizza Night

PTO meeting (child care provided)- (PK/K program)

Beck's Night at Meyerland

Chick-Fil-A Night

SAVE THE DATES:

Jan 24, 2011

Feb 19, 2011

Feb 22, 2011

Mar 14-18

Frozen Cookie Dough Sales start

Herod Auction- "Into the Future" at Gatherings in Bellaire

Math/Science Night

Spring Break

Please contact your PTO Board Members for any questions or Volunteer Opportunities

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HISD Anti-Bully Policy (2010-11 School Year)

Bullying is not acceptable behavior at HISD and is considered a Level III act. Level III acts include misconduct for which an administrator may suspend the student, place the student in in-school suspension, or, if the administrator finds the Level III misconduct to be serious or persistent, refer the student to a district-level Disciplinary Alternative Education Program (DAEP). The principal or other appropriate administrator makes the disciplinary determination on the basis of the severity of the misconduct. The period of the suspension is limited to three days per occurrence.

Behavior that is not acceptable and is considered a Level II act includes but is not limited to:

- • Any verbal abuse or bullying of others, including slurs, name-calling, or derogatory statements to another person because of that person's race, color, religion, national origin, disability, physical/personal appearance, or sexual orientation.
- • Bullying is defined as any act or speech that subjects persons to indignity, humiliation, intimidation, physical abuse or threat of physical abuse, social or other isolation, shame, or disgrace.
- • Cyber bullying, defined as the use of the Internet, cell phones, or other devices to send, post, or text-message images and material intended to hurt or embarrass another person. This may include, but is not limited to, continuing to send e-mail to someone who has said he or she wants no further contact with the sender; sending or posting threats, sexual remarks, or pejorative labels (i.e., hate speech); ganging up on victims by making them the subject of ridicule in forums and posting false statements as fact intended to humiliate the victim; disclosure of personal data such as the victim's real name, address, or school on Web sites or forums; posing as the victim for the purpose of publishing material in his or her name that defames or ridicules him or her; sending threatening and harassing text, instant messages, or emails to the victim; and posting or sending rumors or gossip to instigate others to dislike and gang up on the target, which is determined to have a material and substantial interference with school activities or with the rights of students and teachers.
- • Engaging in threats or other acts of intimidation that interfere with another student's desire or willingness to participate in the educational process
- • Indecent/unsolicited sexual proposal/sexual harassment.
- • Harassment/dating violence, including threatening to cause harm or bodily injury to another student, engaging sexually intimidating conduct, causing physical damage to the property of another student, subjecting another student to physical confinement or restraint, or maliciously taking any action that substantially harms another student's physical or emotional health
- • Engaging in assault not involving bodily injury, which is defined as intentionally or knowingly threatening another with imminent bodily injury
- • "Sexting" or using a cell phone or other personal communication device to send text or e-mail messages or possessing text or e-mail messages containing images reasonably interpreted as indecent or sexually suggestive while at school or at a school-related function. In addition to any disciplinary action, phones will be confiscated, and students should be aware that any images suspected to violate criminal laws will be referred to law-enforcement authorities.