

MEETING NOTES POSTED BEFORE APPROVAL

March 22, 2011 Herod PTO Meeting
6:05 pm – Meeting called to order

Treasurer report / Update on Fundraising programs:

- Auction made \$18,500.
- Cookie dough netted \$6,600.
- PTO has a cash balance of \$75,000 although there are still a lot of expenses that need to be submitted
- Pre-order forms will start going out soon for next year school supplies. Anyone who wants to buy school supplies through PTO must order them in advance. The supplies will be delivered to the classroom the first day of school. Prices are lower than last year.

Other items:

1. There will not be any directories this school year. Any adds or message grams that were purchased and were supposed to be in directories will be printed in the yearbook or some other place. Suggestion – Take \$5.00 off the cost of a yearbook for everyone who joined the PTO, since we didn't get directories this year.
2. The minutes from the last PTO meeting were approved.
3. Cookie dough delivery – volunteers are still needed to sort and handout orders.
Suggestion – hand out the cookie dough in the 2 cafeteria serving lines and sort them by grade.
4. Science Fair Judges are still needed.
5. The PTO is still working on setting up officers for next school year. Descriptions of open positions will probably be sent out to the PTO Yahoo Group.
6. Should there be pre-order sales for uniforms for next year?
7. Upcoming Spring dates: April 19th – PTO Meeting and Ice Cream Social,
April 29th – Herod Movie night

Principal Report:

HISD budget

- The HISD budget turned out much better than expected.
- Herod will have a \$275 / child reduction in funding.
- One position at Herod will be retiring and won't be replaced next year.
- Shouldn't be anymore funding cuts for next year.
- There is still money for field trip buses.
- We expect to have 24 – 25 kids / classroom. Class size shouldn't increase too much.
- Parents probably won't notice much difference next year due to funding cuts.
- There are no changes to Science lab or Mind Masters.
- We shouldn't see much increase in HISD taxes.
- The HISD Magnet programs will stay exactly the same for one more year.

Other

1. The parent courtyard will get a little smaller. Probably 70 pavers will be removed. Maybe they could be engraved and sold at the auction next year.

2. Herod will be getting a new digital marquee sign over the summer.
3. Kindergarten will have 2 dual language classes starting next year.
4. Herod sent out 70 Vanguard acceptance letters.
5. We are exploring ideas for the last day of school – Friday June 3rd which will be a full day of school. Suggestions: water day with slides and water balloons or class party day.
6. Junior Jet Camp will be Thursday, March 31st.

6:55 - Meeting called to an end.

Herod Elementary School
PTO Meeting
March 2011

Welcome	Danna Garcia
Treasurer Report	Lisa Murray
Principal Report	Jerri Nixon
Announcements	Danna Garcia
Present PTO minutes	
Cookie dough delivery	
Slate of officers	
Budget Information	Jerri Nixon

Important Dates to Remember:

Wed, Mar 23	Chick-fil-A night
Thur, Mar 24	Cookie dough delivery, 2-5:30 (volunteers needed)
Fri, Mar 25	Early dismissal
Wed,Thurs, April 6,7	Gugliani's Night
Thurs, April 14	Cici's Pizza Night
Mon, April 18	Beck's Prime Night
Tues, April 19	PTO meeting and Ice Cream Social
Wed, April 27	Chick-fil-A Night
Wed,Thurs, May 4,5	Gugliani's Night
Thur, May 12	Cici's Pizza Night
Mon, May 16	Beck's Prime Night
Fri, May 20	Field Day
Wed, May 25	Chick-fil-A night
Thur, May 26	Retirement party, 6:30-8:00pm
Fri, May 27	PTO meeting/VIPS breakfast, 8:30am

SAVE THE DATE

April 19	PTO meeting and ice cream social and election of officers
May 2-6	Celebrity Readers week
May 20	Field Day
June 1	5 th grade Graduation and Party

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

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Sign In Sheet

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