Huntington PTA Council: February 2011 Meeting Minutes

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, Council president, at 9:56 am.

Pledge of Allegiance and approval of the January meeting minutes.

President’s Report: Ms. Fehrs reminded those present of the Blood Drive taking place that day.

Meeting attendees were updated regarding the status of a potential survey to be distributed to district residents with results made available to the Board of Ed members in order to provided them with information that may be useful when making decisions. It was noted that Board of Ed president Bill Dwyer attended a PTA presidents’ meeting at which there was great dialog and a demonstrated interest in sharing information with the other Board of Ed members. It was decided that it may be beneficial to invite some of the Board of Ed members to future PTA president meetings.

The Superintendent Search process was discussed. Representatives from BOCCES are interested in meeting with PTA Boards so they could get the input of the PTA presidents.

The district budget was discussed briefly, with Ms. Fehrs issuing a reminder to attend Board of Ed meetings at this critical time.

March 10th, 2011 is a Guidance Roundtable with Kitty Klein, with the location to be announced.

Unit Reports: Reports of current events at each school were submitted by the Council Delegates and are on file with the Council Secretary.

District Reports:
HFEE: The fundraising gala on January 21, 2011 at the Woodlands was a wonderful evening with over $29,000 raised. HFEE is always looking for volunteers. Contact Karen Dwyer if interested.

Arts in Ed: The success of the Alex the Jester/Silly Dilly Band fundraiser was discussed. The district’s 3rd graders are “meeting the instruments”. Child’s Play, King Tut and all the wonderful events of Arts in Ed were mentioned. The Jodi Piccoult book event at Book revue will be the first friday in March.

Board of Ed: Ms. Fehrs relayed information from the most recent Bd. of Ed meeting, mentioning that Dr. Card approved some new courses. The Saturday Academy is underway with 250 students functioning at a Level 1 or Level 2 invited to attend 9 consecutive saturdays. Dave Grackin is looking over a Budget Analysis program.

Meeting adjourned 11:36. Next meeting March 8th, 2011.