

## **Huntington PTA Council: February 2012 Meeting Minutes**

Meeting called to order by Bari Fehrs, Council President, at 9:55 am February 7, 2012.

Welcome, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of the minutes from the January 2012 meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Jen Reda, Council Treasurer: Mini Calendars are not part of the Council budget, each unit must pay for their own.

The Budget Banner costs come out of each unit's budget. There should be a line item in each budget. The schools should each provide a check to the Council treasurer and then she will give one check to Sign -O- Rama.

A check for the Winter Workshop will be written today.

### **President's report and announcements:**

Update on CHAC and the Wellness Policy. There is a subcommittee, which Ms. Fehrs serves on, that met with Whitsons. They discussed what foods are most popular and how to get the less popular items to become better received. Two or three vegetable options are being offered. More salads are being offered. Each school has a large water jug with cups so that all kids have access to water. Larger portion sizes, particularly at the higher grades are being looked into. . The possibility of having refrigerators for Grab and Go service is being considered. The committee is also discussing decreasing the amount processed foods being offered, as well as the possibility of having hummus and squeezable yogurts as options.

District Wide Safety Committee: Students will no longer have access to microwaves or toaster ovens. These items will be available for staff only. The electric will be all underground at Finley (capital improvement funding). A traffic study of Holdsworth Rd near the back entrance to the High School has been requested of the town.

Legislative Advocacy Workshops: Ms. Fehrs states that she has gone to three workshops and that these are attended by district superintendents, PTA council reps, and politicians from the region. The goal is to inform politicians of the impact the tax levy limit will have and to come up with ways to compensate. We are all encouraged to reach out to politicians with our concerns.

**Guest Speaker:** Dr. Joseph Giani, Annual Professional Performance Review (APPR): Teachers and principals will be evaluated at the end of each year. Dr. Giani discussed the components of these evaluations and explained that teachers will be evaluated on state exam measures (20%) and locally determined student achievement measured (20%) and 60% of the performance evaluation will be based on other measures, including observation. Dr. Giani said that a lot of the performance measures are being developed right now. He answered a lot of questions and can be contacted at [gianij@hufsd.edu](mailto:gianij@hufsd.edu) by anyone wishing more information.

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

### **District Reports:**

**Booster Club:** The March Madness Fundraiser is March 4th 2-5pm at Christopher's. Contact Barbara Cutrone for for information at [hizees@aol.com](mailto:hizees@aol.com). A list of Booster Club grants was distributed, as was a membership enrollment form, and list of Booster Club Camps for this summer.

**HFEE:** The Winter Gala raised between \$14,00 and \$16,000. There was no live auction. It was a great evening for honoree, Michelle Marino, Principal of Southdown.

**Upcoming Events:** Tac Cap Forum: 2/8 7pm at Stimson Middle School, PTA Winter Workshops 2/9 7:30 pm, Blood Drive today.

If you have any ideas for a Council Meeting guest speaker, please contact Bari Fehrs.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45. The next meeting is March 6th, at 9:45 in the Heritage Museum at Huntington High School.

