April 14, 2015

HUFSD PTA Council Meeting Minutes

- Meeting called to order, Pledge of Allegiance, approval of minutes from 3/3/15
- Treasurer’s report
  - Waiting on stage to screen numbers after their STEM auditorium rental fees
  - Council had fundraising income of $1365 with Modell’s and “Beauty and the Beast.”
- President’s Report
  - Budget vote banners need to be hung at schools and returned to administration in the days after the vote- budget stickers ordered (“Vote” stickers for kids to wear home from school on Election Day)
  - “Beauty and the Beast” 3/15 Fundraiser for Council- 11am and 2pm at STEM auditorium
  - Meet the Candidate Night April 28 at Finley- there are 4 empty seats and currently 4 candidates so it will be a Meet and greet and not a debate. Christine will cancel the moderator. The flyer will be e-blasted to presidents for distribution
  - Council Nominating Committee for 2015/16 – in progress along with nominating committees at all the units for ALL positions for next year’s executive boards/committees.
  - Distinguished Seniors Dinner will be April 30 at HHS
  - Council End of the Year Meeting and Luncheon will be at the Bay Club on June 3. $300 deposit. Units will decide who speaks at meeting- either delegate or president.
  - Arts in Ed final payments due. The year’s programming cots were half absorbed by arts in ed and half by PTA units. $22,360 was spent for 2014/15 school year. Christine rounded up to $23,000. $1500 from Council fundraising was applied to PTA Unit costs which means $10,000 for year has to come from units. Final totals for year due: Primaries $1565.00 each. Woodhull $1700. STEM $1020. Finley $340. SEPTA $170. High School $510. Motion to accept new numbers accepted and approved.
  - Arts in Ed Committee needs a chair and to decide and vote on contributions for next year so that units can plan accordingly
  - SEPTA fundraiser flyer should be backpacked and e-blasted
  - BOCES dinner and showcase March 12- recap of impressive evening
  - Toshiba just donated $15,000 toward a laser cutter for Robotics
  - PTA can inform about budget vote but we can’t not encourage people to vote one way or another. We can distribute factual information only.
- Superintendent’s Report
  - Mr. Polansky is attending one PTA meeting for every unit to discuss budget and Gap Elimination Adjustment
  - 5 Contingency positions in the budget in case sections break but can be used for anything (psychologists or academic coaches)
  - Budget has come in below the tax levy limit with new state aid numbers in (we received 1.5 million)
  - Our credit rating and bond went up because our district has very little debt.
The budget includes a new assistant principal so that the high school will have three administrative positions for $1400 kids. Also, search is on for new high school principal with Dr. Leonardi's retirement at the end of the school year.

- Added an additional soccer team at Finley
- Capital reserve proposition will add AC in auditorium, repave high school parking lot, fix high school second floor doors, upgrade the STEM parking lot and public address system.
- 42 kids are in our district from Avalon Bay (10 were already in our district.)
- If budget goes down we will need to cut 1.8 million for contingency budget

- Unit Reports
- Meeting Adjourned