COUNCIL MEETING NOTES
Oct 6th, 9:45am

-Melissa welcomed everyone to our first meeting & introduced board members.

-Everyone recited the Pledge of Allegiance.
-Robert Rules Books were given out to President’s who attended
- Treasurer’s Report: Kristin presented both the A&E & Council Budgets.
  Marilyn made motion to approve, Tracey 2nd the motion, both were approved.
- New Asst Principals introduced: Joe “Loves the Parental involvement in our school”
  Mr. Brendan Cussack would like the school to feel like a “family”. Started the “text of the day” to all students. Loves his new job.
- Superintendent Report: Mr Polansky very happy w/opening of all schools. Spoke about the Secretary of State Dpt of Ed stepping down & his replacement. Mr. Polansky would put our district/community up against any other & know we would come out on top. He’s not happy w/the way evaluations are made though. He wants to focus on Huntingdon District & try not to concentrate on the bad elsewhere.
  Lock Down drills are always in place, all students/ teachers know what to do. A grant came in to allow primary schools to have video cameras inside/out. Michele Kustera asked if any new security was added, Mr. Polansky feels we don’t need. Lastly spoke about the tax cap, since 2008 property value has gone up $300,000 which will lower tax rates. You get less monies back but pay less up front.
- Unit Reports: Besides Book Fairs/Plant Sales/Miss Chocolate/Picture Days which all schools do, below are what “new” happenings are at our schools:
  - High School: Kim B
    - PTA donating benches for courtyard
    - Homecoming Dance took place approx 200 students were there
    - Float night took place—sophomores won overall
    - “Don’t Text & Drive” seminar will be held in the Spring
    - Nov 10 Finley/High School Fundraiser @ Porto Vivo
  - Finley: Amy
    - Spirit week is this week, ending with a pep rally on Fri Oct 9
    - Meet the teacher Wed Oct 7 for both grades
    - Halloween Dance Fri Oct 30
  - Woodhull: Meaghan/Dana
    - Successful Back to School nights for 5th/6th grades including a Greenkill trip meeting for parents who are interested for 6th grade
    - Auditions took place/practices are underway for the play, Lion King Jr.
    - Patrick Hannon Softball game postponed, working on reschedule date
  - Flower Hill: Christie/Michelle
    - In late summer “Peaceful Playground” murals were painted on the K-2 hallway. Also some new signs/rugs were added to update school lobby
- Working on an Anti-Bullying Day with a guest speaker from the 2nd precinct Police Dept.

-Jefferson: Marie
- School partnered up with a company called Farmingo, an online local farmer's market service, which gets delivered once a month & school gets 10% back.
- Implementing Spirit wear once a month

-Southdown: Kim S
- Kindergarten classes had their social
- Class Parent tea was held for class representatives
- Spirit Wear/Membership sold at grades 2-4 at meet the teacher night
- Principal's book choice PTA purchasing for classes is Cloudy w/a Chance of Meatballs.
- Meet the teacher grades K-1 Oct 6
- Harvest Festival Oct 16
- Guys Night Out Fri Oct 19
- Grade 4 Halloween Dance Oct 27

-Washington: Kim J/Stacey
- Meet the Teacher for grades K-2 was Sept 30
- Meet the teacher grades 3-4 Oct 6
- Family Halloween party being held Oct 23

-S.E.P.T.A.: Miho
- Art to Remember fundraiser packet to go home soon.
- Hosting health videos @ Woodhull next week on Down Syndrome/Autism

-District Reports: A&Ed Fundraiser 10/21 @ Storyville $30pp
- HFEE Founded in 1993, meeting $1 million mark in written grants.
- Booster Club Fundraiser 10/16 Crescent Club
- BOE Kitty Klein made presentation on alternative views on graduation.

-State of Ed Update: Michele Kuster spoke about “No Child Left Behind Act” not being updated since 2001. There are 3 assessment levels Primary, Middle, High School. Suggested at next PTA meeting to let people know about assessment score importance.

-Guest Speaker: Joanne Adam Director of Huntington Public Library spoke about programs she thinks would be great for our schools & would love to work with us as a district. Mr. Graber, Head of Teacher Union, spoke about the Huntington Reading program for K-6 grade to try to get kids to read “outside” of school. You can register online, get points which will lead to prizes. Flyers to go home soon.

-Comments: Kim Stienberg commented about “bell schedules”/“early dismissal times should NOT be posted on Facebook school page. All postings should go through PTA. Mr. Polansky commented Nov 5 is High School Open house @ 11:00. (Not advertising) A parent is concerned on how the school “book fairs” are run, believes children should get “free” books through Scholastic. Feels book fair is more of an event than a fundraiser. Has ideas/suggestion to change procedure which she will give to Melissa/council board.

Meeting Adjourned
Next Meeting Wed Nov 4