

PAWS/PTO Meeting Minutes
Executive Board Meeting
October 8, 2009
3:00 – 4:10
Horizon High School Media Center

Those in Attendance: Nancy Stuebe, Melissa Veit, Megan Miller, Molly Mudick, Francine Cheswick, Sue Snedden, Donna Dietrich, Cindy Bagheri, Susan Weltman

I. Call to Order/Introductions

Sue Snedden opened the meeting.

II. Approval of Minutes

Nancy Stuebe requested approval of the minutes. The minutes were approved.

III. Principal's Report

Dr. Courson could not attend due to a meeting at District Office

IV. Treasurer's Report

Attached

V. Volunteer Coordinator/School Tours Committee

Sue Snedden reported that school tours are being organized for prospective Horizon families. Requests for volunteers and training are going out Monday, October 12th.

VI. Directory

Cindy Bagheri reported that the Horizon Directory is completed. There are twenty-five extra copies that will be advertised in an e-mail blast.

VII. Prevention

Donna Dietrich reported that the driving contracts had been printed and were awaiting Dr. Courson's letter. There will be a "Love and Logic" conference by Jim Faye in Denver in November. The Prevention Committee needs two parents and a teacher to attend. The cost is \$395.00 per person. PAWS/PTO could be used to help fund the parents' attendance. The school district could pay for the teacher to attend. When information from this conference is brought back to Horizon, focus should be on the middle school populations. All feeder schools would be invited to attend.

The Stay Alive at 25 Program was discussed. Bullet points as follows:

- Stay Alive program is not functioning well.
- Students are choosing to “opt out” of this program in order to have fun in the gym with their friends.
- Live feed broadcast is not working due to broadband interference.
- No workbooks this year and no teaching guide.

Since Stay Alive at 25 has their own committee, Sue Snedden recommended that PAWS attend their next meeting to see how PAWS can assist this program.

VIII. Staff Appreciation

Nancy Berry is currently working on the Teacher Appreciation Breakfast scheduled for October 20th.

IX. Faculty and Staff Report

Melissa Veit reported that due to students not being able to watch the Stay Alive at 25 broadcasts, many of the teachers are sharing their own car safety experiences with their students. All of Horizon High School is being re-keyed courtesy of grant funding. Faculty will be given cards, similar to hotel keys which will work from 6:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. Decreasing enrollment at Horizon is a concern. Known factors of decreasing enrollment are competition of the I.B. program at North and the electives program at Paradise Valley. Suggestions to help curb this problem were; bring back electives, excel in the arts (a good choir program does not make a complete music program), public relations committee that brings an assembly of Horizon students to share information, performances, to the middle schools, showcase our excellent staff and what they offer in a Newsletter.

X. PAWS Report/President’s Report

Grants are in place. Boys LaCrosse was accepted as a new parent organization. Farewell Fiesta is now being called Horizon Grad Night. PAWS membership is now 476, including the new LaCrosse members. The garage sale was a huge success, totaling \$11,000.00 from all clubs combined. Warehouse Sale fundraiser is on Nov. 14th. Linda Murchison thanked everyone for their donations and support during the time of her daughter’s recovery and suggested that student’s purchasing a parking permit from Horizon should be required to watch a car safety video and sign a safety agreement.

XI. Other

None

Next Parent Forum: Tuesday, October 20th at 6:00 p.m. (Cancelled)

Next PTO Meeting: Thursday, January 14th, 2010 at 3:00 p.m. in the HHS Media Center

All parents, teachers, and staff are welcome to attend all PAWS and PTO Meetings.