

Holmes Jr. High PTA General Meeting Minutes

May 28, 2015

In attendance: Anne Finkelston, Rachel Gunn, Sara Johnson, Natalie Lindquist, Ellen Shields, Derek Brothers, Karen Hamilton, Lori Benedict, Karen Fee, Emily Ault, Susan Strachan, Kerry Sortor, Paul Rooney, Laura Shapiro, Tarri Swanson, Christine Easton, Joy Klineberg, Heather Wade, Navi Bains, Michelle Agnew, Dorte Jensen, and Xiaomei Chen.

1. Welcome and Approval of April Minutes

2. PE Department Presentation – Paul Rooney

- The PE Department appreciates the PTA grant for equipment.
- There is a 9th grade hike funded by the PTA. Over 240 kids went to Tennessee Beach in Marin
- Thank yous to the parents who helped sell uniforms – next year they will be at 7th, 8th and 9th grade registration in the MPR
- Physical Fitness testing is complete and the scores were sent to Sacramento

3. Student Leadership, Anne Finkelston

- 7th-8th grade celebration – June 10th from 1-3:20 – they need parent volunteers
- 9th grade parents – need chaperones for June 5th, also need drink donations

4. Treasurer's Report, Anne Finkelston

- Copies of the budget were passed around.
- \$14,000 check is being written to the school to fund PTA sponsored items that appear in the budget

5. Auditor's Report, Anne Finkelston for Gina Nunes

Anne read the Auditor's Statement. Motion was made and approved to accept the Auditor's report.

6. Hospitality Report, Lori Benedict

- Teacher Appreciation went well. There was a theme for each day with special prizes each day.
- June 12th – there will be a luncheon with a baked potato bar

7. Scrip Report, Susan Strachan

- we made scrip budget for the year
- \$242 was made at round up at the register at the Co-op
- The PTA made \$10 through the Cultive fundraiser

8. Teacher's Report, Heather Wade

- Holmes won the track championship for the 5th year in a row. They have won 8 out of the last 10 years.
- Holmes/Harper/Emerson will have a combined wrestling team next year that will practice at Holmes.
- Teachers thank the PTA for the teacher's appreciation luncheon

- Thanks to the PTA for the 9th grade hike/Civil War/Renaissance Reenactment events

9. Counselor's Report, Ellen Shields

- She is working on schedules.
- Homework club open Tuesday/Wednesday until 2pm
- Every math class has a final
- 8th grade science poster – Weds. June 3
- Tuesday June 9th – 9th grade awards

10. Principal's Report, Derek Brothers

- School population probably around 725 and will go up next year.
- Early July – online registration – all registration must be done online before kids can pick up their schedules
- Packets will still be sent out – evenings will be set up where people can get online
- Finals – testing blocks of 95 minutes – the hope is this will break things up for kids so they won't have more than two a day
- Last week of school – Monday – yearbooks, 9th grade awards; Tuesday – 9th graders go to 6 Flags and the 7th/8th grade celebration will take place; Wednesday – 12pm dismissal
- Holmes will be under construction this summer
- Summer school will be at the High School
- Water conservation – district will assess where to water and what they won't
- Green Team – honored in Sacramento – headed by Hailey Shapiro
- Thank you to PTA for all we do.

11. Committee Reports

- New posters for wellness and safety – also available online
- High school – they will searching students bags prior to going on overnight field trips

12. Adjourn – Next meeting is Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 7:00pm at the Holmes Library.