

**Harbor Ridge Middle School**  
**VPO Meeting**  
March 2, 2015  
*Meeting time 1:35-2:47pm*

Attending:

Mike Benoit

Jodi Olive

Lauren Littleton

Stacey Kronquist

Deborah Krishnadasan

Shari Bass

Jarisa Gregor

Colleen Brunkow

Merrilee Kennedy

<b>Principal's Report - Mike Benoit</b>
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•Recently attended a regional state meeting of Principals and heard about a lecturer from "Personal Protection Services". The lecturer speaks with the assistance of his two children and wife. They address how to be responsible digital citizens, hazards kids should look out for, and how to be aware of them. The speaker was given excellent marks from two of the Principals Mr. Benoit met with.

HRMS will be paying \$500 toward a \$1600 daily fee. This daily fee pays for 3 presentations, 2 daytime and one evening for parents at PHS. The balance of the fee will be paid for out of the district's safety budget.

•Just a few reminders:

- 1) The end of the trimester is the end of next week.
- 2) No school Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> of March (snow make up day) or Monday the 16<sup>th</sup> for a teacher in service day.

Mr. Benoit sent a note to teachers to see what they might want the Walk A Ridge money to go to. The responses so far were:

Painting the walls upstairs. (this should be a facilities expense, and was in fact scheduled for last year.)

New bulletin boards for the hallway.

More chrome books.

### **Parent District Council - Jodi Olive**

Core 24 and Highly Capable program were reviewed. Notes from the meeting available on the VPO website (link on the HRMS site under Parents/Community tab- VPO)

Highly Capable criteria will be changing. John Hellwich to outline changes at a presentation tonight at Henderson Bay High School 6pm. Specific changes that impact 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders.

- 1) Top 4% of kids evaluated mainly with CoGAT scores will be given the opportunity to attend self contained classrooms at Kopachuck or KPMS.
- 2) Next year's 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Graders will continue to be provided with cluster programs, but the district is making efforts to give the clusters more support.

### **Treasurer's Report - (Lauren and Jodi)**

Popcorn sales have been doing very well, and have helped re-coup what we are not making at the student store during lunch. After school programs also helping.

NOTE: Book Fair dates will be April 22<sup>nd</sup> through 29<sup>th</sup>.

### **Student Store:**

Looking at carrying school supplies, mechanical pencils, college ruled paper, etc.

Jarisa made new student store tally sheet, and has added it to the stick that includes all previously made VPO related documents. The stick will live in the VPO box, and will be passed on to the next VPO board.

### **Eight Grade Moving on: - Jarisa and Jodi**

Meeting will be forthcoming.

Colleen, Jarisa and Jodi to coordinate meeting date and time. Date will be announced on email and posted to the VPO website.

### **Staff Appreciation – Jarisa**

Staff Appreciation will take place first week of May. Rather than raffle prizes, looking at treat days. Some examples may be:

1. Manicures (morning and lunch, manicurist already secured.)
2. Espressos (Jarisa to bring in Espresso machines for lattes in the morning)
3. Neck and shoulder massages (Looking for a massage therapist who might be interested in donating their time.
4. Car washes
5. Joy asked if VPO could help find furniture to create a lounge area in the staff room. Paint will be donated, and staff has offered to paint the room. Looking for furniture (and perhaps other diy makeover items) to spiffy up the place.

### **Walk A Ridge – Deb Krishnadasan**

- Walk a Ridge continues to be a walk a thon style fundraiser .
- Date will be May 29<sup>th</sup> with possible make up day for rain on June 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Goal this year will be \$10,000. Proceeds to go to general VPO.
- Need costs for benches before April so we can give that info to parents during advertising for fundraiser.
- a) How much, b) When would it be installed? (Lauren to research).
- Online donation link will be added to VPO website once it has been set up. (Deb give to Lauren)
- To ask Brandi – where would we funnel the money? (Deb send message to Brandi).

Awards for top fundraisers, top two prime time classes that have highest participation will receive ice cream feast served by Mr. Benoit and Wickens

8<sup>th</sup> Grade class incentive. If they raise \$4000 or 50% participation extra ½ hour at Field Day

Grade level with biggest participation will have an extra ½ hour for field day alone.

ASB dance on June 3<sup>rd</sup>. Glow in the dark dance. Earn glow in the dark items for the dance for the dance.

Mr. Benoit will do robo calls about the event, and an email.

<b>ACTION ITEMS:</b>
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- 1) Lauren to do research on district approval, bench cost and installation.
- 2) Deb work on getting donation link to Lauren to add to website.
- 3) Deb contact Brandi re: where to send the donation money.
- 4) Closer to event Mr. Benoit send robo call.
- 5) VPO put the word out HRMS is looking for furniture.
- 6) VPO put the word out we are looking for massage therapist and other professionals who may help with teacher appreciation.
- 7) Jarisa and Jodi (and Colleen) set up meeting time to discuss 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration.