

**Harbor Ridge Middle School
VPO Meeting**

May 4, 2015

Meeting time 1:30-1:50pm

Attending:

Mike Benoit

Jodi Olive

Lauren Littleton

Stacey Kronquist

Deborah Krishnadasan

Jarisa Gregor

Jennifer West

Jacy Griffin

Staff Appreciation – Jarisa Gregor

•Staff Appreciation started this morning with Lattes for staff. Going well, all positions covered, but could use help assembling cookie packets. (Jarisa will have the assembly items in the conference room at 2pm on Tuesday (tomorrow). All are welcome to help assemble!

Treasurer's Report/Book Fair – (Brandi absent. In Lieu of treasurer's report Jodi gave synopsis from Brandi.)

Book Fair: made over \$2400. More than last Spring. Brandi and Pandora have offered to run book fair in the Fall, and possibly in the Winter, but the hope is to find someone to train in the fall so that they can take a step back. (Thank you Pandora and Brandi!!)

Student store: not doing well. Shifts have not been covered, and we are only making \$1 to \$5 per shift. We need to look at selling more non-food items next year. Both carts are full and food will expire soon. Need to start selling more at sports activities and dances!

Note: Jennifer West expressed interest in learning more from Brandi about the Treasurer's position. Brandi and Jennifer to chat, and Jennifer will let the board know if she would like to take on the job next year.

(Lauren sent Brandi Jennifer's contact info, and Jennifer now has Brandi's phone number.)

Principal's Report: Mike Benoit

New testing schedule posted on the website. This schedule is meant to be less disruptive than previous testing. We currently have 6 Chrome book carts (plus the lab upstairs), and are always interested in acquiring more.

7th Graders participated in a practice Smarter Balance test in March. This is the largest grade group in the school. From this practice the school worked out the kinks in the testing process and learned some things they will be implementing for the actual testing. (For instance, signal boosters used in the gym).

The schedule shows a flopped schedule in order to avoid impacting only 1st and 2nd periods for the three weeks of testing. (On some days kids will start with their last periods first.) There will be a small group testing in the library who would benefit from a smaller testing environment.

Testing scores should be received before August. The scores will be used for planning and implementation, and is seen as a reflection on how the school is doing. The Smarter Balance test scores will not be the sole tool used in placement for kids. We have many other levels of assessment in place for this already.

Walk out – no date set for this yet.

Spanish is going very well. The instructor is having a baby in early July, so it is anticipated she may be taking some time off next year. The sessions are very popular. May have 3 sessions next year.

The school is also discussing the idea of offering Chinese as an alternate foreign language. More to come on this later.

Prime time – being restructured. Meeting tomorrow to discuss and parents will get an update as soon as one is available.

The school is also working on clustering, and how that will look for kids who need more academic challenges.

Parent District Counsel: - Jodi Olive

Please see the VPO website for notes on the latest meeting.

Walk A Ridge - Deb Krishnadasan

Walk a Ridge is coming together. The ASB helped to film a video that will be shown during morning announcements, and during lunch.

Next week a mass email will be going out to families with details of the event. (This will come from the VPO Pres. Jodi Olive.)

Also working on script for a Robo Call to be sent out on Monday/Tuesday. Interested in having two students (1 boy, 1 girl) do the readings. Not the usual ASB suspects, but new folks. (Deb to discuss with Leadership/ASB).

A reminder to families will also be sent out after Memorial day.

Walk A Ridge date is May 29th.

Incentives include items for Glow in the Dark dance (on June 3rd). Black light was rented along with DJ.

VPO Recruiting - All

- 1) In an effort to expand recruitment, we need to reach out to the VPO at Purdy Elementary. (Jodi offered to do this).
- 2) Group reviewed Lauren's initial Board Responsibilities list and made refinements.
- 3) Jodi to draft email to send out, including revisions of position descriptions and open positions.
- 4) Once this information is ready to go out, Lauren will also add it to the website.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. All who can attend: meet in the conference room Tuesday May 5th at 2pm for cookie bag assembly
2. All: Brainstorm on Student store and non-food items we can sell, and how to cover sporting events.
3. Brandi and Pandora: keep an eye open for Book Fair Chair recruits in Fall.
4. Brandi: Contact Jennifer West to discuss the role of the treasurer.
5. Deb: Continue with Walk A Ridge organization. Let board know when she needs help! (Working on robo call script, casting for talent, finishing up video, paperwork.)
6. Jodi – reach out to Purdy VPO for HRMS VPO recruitment, draft email to send out to parents.
7. Lauren – add recruiting info to website when ready.