

**Harbor Ridge Middle School
VPO Meeting**

September 8, 2014

Meeting Time 1:35pm – 2:30pm

Attending:

Jodi Olive
Lauren Littleton
Jenny Hampton
Shelly Sears
Stephanie Fellner
Colleen Brukow
Dani Akulschin
Shari Bass
Jarisa Gregor
Britt Mayer
Deb Krishnadasan
Michele Giesy
Jocelyn Norris
Jacy Griffin
Merrilee Kennedy

Principal Report: (Mr. Wickens)

- Year off to a good start
- Gym Floor will be replaced soon due to flood from leak in the main water line. (It is an insurance claim.)

Treasurer Report: (Jodi Olive reports for Brandi)

Made a few changes to the budget in June meeting:

- 8th Grade Celebration going to \$1500
- \$400 check written to bond levy
- Book fair will be either right before or after Thanksgiving

Student Store Report: (Shari Bass)

- Expired food will be donated to Fish Food Bank
- Student Store ramping up and will start next Monday September 15th. Till is currently short of nickels.
- Still need more volunteers for Student Store, please help spread the word.
- Nutrition restrictions have changed. Vending machine is now all water.
- Sheri will receive new restricted list to review what we have already purchased. May need to research some alternative, healthier versions for popular items. (Example Ice Chips would perhaps be an alternative to tic tacs.)
- Carol Foch offered to give an orientation re: student store on Thursday September 11th 1:00pm (25 min)

- Reminder - If you are scheduled to work in the student store, please call the morning of the day you are working to confirm what schedule the school is on. Sherri will send out an email with schedule to parents who have volunteered.
- Discussed starting student store for Fall Sports.
- Reminder - candy is only sold at night, not during the day.
- Regarding the student store placement: volunteers may choose placement. Cafeteria ladies have an opinion. Up to individuals who are working the store to decide. Sales are much greater if cart is rolled out onto the cafeteria floor.
- Ice cream freezer may remain plugged in inside the student store, and wheeled out so kids can collect their ice cream treats after purchasing.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Review new nutritional guidelines once received. (Shari, Jodi, etc.)
2. Recruit more Student Store workers. (All)
3. Drop expired food at the Food Bank (Shari?)
4. Jodi to discuss ice chips with her Mom – can we sell them? Smaller can?

Staff Appreciation and Emergency Preparedness- (Jarisa Gregor)

- Dates for Staff Appreciation are still TBD.
- Generally kick off is Parent Teacher Conference time, providing two dinners for teachers to cover evening conferences.
- During the holidays, would like to continue the tradition started last year with asking families to bring in holiday treats that are traditional in their families. Will also decorate with tree and festive items in the staff room.

Emergency preparedness:

- Due to the changes in nutritional guidelines, the items provided in emergency packs may have to change. Jarisa and Polly will continue working together on purchasing the items after the guidelines have been received.
- Any preparedness packets left over will be used on Field Day.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Jarisa and Polly to work on kits once new nutritional guidelines have been received.

Active Topics - (All)

Fundraising:

- Looking for Walk A Ridge Chair - Jodi to send an email blast to parents.
- Discussion of how the Walk A Ridge money should be used. One thought is to use some of the money to fund the science needs that would have been met by the failed Levy.
- Another fundraising idea: HRMS Dad who owns Denny's on 6th has offered to have a takeover there. Will currently move forward with takeovers already in the works, and will keep this in mind for the future.
- Jacy to follow up with Kelli's diner about a future takeover.

Tiered hillside seating by the track:

- Jacy suggested the idea of excavating hillside by track to create a natural

amphitheater. Perhaps a family involved in school would be willing do donate some labor? Fundraising idea might be to sell family bricks to offset the cost.

ACTION ITEMS:

1. Jodi to contact Mr. Benoit and district to see if excavating is an option.
2. Jacy follow up with Kelli's Diner about a takeover.
3. Jodi to contact Denny's Dad to thank him for his generous offer and will let him know we will contact him if we want to add more takeovers beyond the ones we have planned already.
4. Jodi to send email blast in an effort to recruit Walk A Ridge Chair.