**Minutes of the May 2nd, 2017 Harper Junior High PTO Meeting**

Joanne asked that introductions be done while waiting for a few Board members to arrive. Attending were: Semra Fanucchi, Jackie Legg, Sandy Pellegrini, Karen Yoon, Kimberly Robben, Jennifer Miller, Kerin Kelleher, Merissa Leamy, Rebecca Honig, Carla Angel, Catherine Allday-Davis, Tammy Tujo, Joanne Brennan, Evelyn Hahn.

**Meeting called to order at 7:10pm.**

Minutes of the April meeting were distributed. Semra motioned to pass the minutes. Sandy seconded. Minutes approved.

**Voting on the Nominated Slate for the 2017/18 school year**: Becky Honig presented the slate and each person was unanimously voted in for the next school year. The 2017/18 PTO Board will be:

* **Catherine Allday-Davis: President**
* **Joy Cohan: VP of Fundraising**
* **Kimberly Robben: VP of Membership**
* **Karen Yoon: Secretary**
* **Tammy Tujo: Treasurer**
* **Joanne Brennan: Parliamentarian**
* **Sarah Edson: Historian**

Principal Kelleher thanked all past and future members for their work.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Kimberly reported that our accounts stayed the same, but she projects a little income by the end of the year as we hear the results of the Co-op's register round-up. She projected about a $2,900 surplus for us to discuss.

* After some discussion, Merissa motioned that the PTO should authorize spending on Jennifer Mullin's list of sports balls for recess use so that the balls could be purchased ASAP and used for the rest of the year. Catherine seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously. **Kimberly offered to purchase the equipment.** Carla motioned to bump the disbursement up to $350 to cover any tax or shipping and Semra seconded that motion. Motion passed unanimously. If Karen Yoon is able to procure the donation of new equipment as well, it wouldn't be available until the Fall. It was discussed and agreed that we are in dire need of this equipment and it wears out often enough, that having another set of balls in the Fall would be great too.
* The purchase of purple plastic outdoor Adirondack chairs was discussed again. Kerin announced that Ken McKim was taking on the role of the new Garden Guy and making the school and garden area lovely and usable. She noted that the addition of outdoor chairs would allow a classroom to meet outdoors, allow the staff to all meet outdoors, and be a spirit boost and "add" to our school culture. She reported that there is room to store them in the garden shed. The chairs sold retail for $19.99. The number of chairs to purchase was discussed and generally agreed that 35-50 would be ideal. Becky motioned to approve spending up to $1000.00 on purple chairs. Semra seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously**. Kimberly agreed to purchase the chairs and will ask for school discounts and look for bulk rates.**
* It was decided that any extra money would be carried over to next year's budget.
* Kimberly presented the year-end's accounts payable. Joanne will be using the $350 for the freshman celebration hospitality. Kerin needs both the Helping Hands and Campus Climate money and counts on it as "gift" money that can be used at the beginning of the next school year at start up time. Also, Climate money helps cover cost of Diversity Days. The Freshman Trip paperwork will go out Friday and the parents are asked to donate $55 to PTO for the trip. There is a new online pay option for this now. **Kimberly will talk with Ms. Simon-Carlson to establish how the online payment option designates the money for PTO and how it gets to PTO accounts. This needs to be kept separate from DJUSD accounts.**
* Joanne moved to approve the disbursement of already budgeted checks for the end of the year as presented by Kimberly. Sandy seconded. Motion passed unanimously.
* Merissa asked the status of the school sign discussion from earlier in the year. Joanne and Kerin summarized findings thus far: Signs of expensive, not sure where to place in order to be visible, electricity is available at Northwest entrance, electronic signs probably not needed and too expensive. General feeling that this topic should be revisited in the next school year if there is interest.

**Teacher's Report**: Non this year but Joanne reported that Mr. McKim sent his heartfelt thanks to the PTO again for their support of Harper and the Science Dept.

**Principals's Report:**

* Testing went well. Jen Mullin organized the testing well and the kids worked hard on a very difficult set of tests. Make up testing is still taking place but almost complete. Kids should discuss what inferences are and learn how to cite examples in support of concepts and ideas.
* Mrs. Blackwell's field trip with 65 9th grade Earth Science students to Incline went great even with the snow! Kerin presented the PTO with thank you notes from the students who enjoyed the field trip.
* On May 10th there is an all day Site Council meeting that will be making plans for the coming year. Jen Miller and Merissa Leamy will attend.
* Fun news: Some of the EL students created a grassroots World Cup style indoor soccer tournament that took place at lunches. Mr. Kelly, Mr. Kermit and Ms. Herrick-Jasper supported this fun tournament and the final was Tuesday!
* 9th graders are gearing up for their Freshman Showcase coming up on May 18th.
* Open House was good
* Renaissance Day was fun for the 7th graders
* One of the results of the Youth Truth Survey was that all students report that they like field trips and they make school better! Yeah PTO for supporting this type of enrichment!

**Counselors' Report**: Kerin reported for the counselors.

* Freshman Trip plans and paperwork is underway. Currently all 9th graders can go based on behavior. Ms. Simon-Carlson will be handling the scholarship and lunch needs
* Principals at Emerson and Holmes will be changing next year, so the future of the Freshman Trip could change. **PTO should keep this on the radar.**
* Intermediate Orchestra won 2 awards this past weekend.
* DOTG is being planned for June 7th from 1:30-3:10. Volunteers are needed for this event. Planners were hoping PTO could help fund the drinks this year. Sandy motioned to approve $200 donation to Leadership for drinks and Jackie seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously.
* Merissa reported that the SPAC meeting on May 24th at 7:00pm will be about a district wide fundraising collective idea that would harness fundraising power. All PTO presidents, VP's of Fundraising, Boosters are encouraged to attend.
* The Davis Schools Foundation will finance staffing to coordinate the district's calendars so there will be one calendar that will show all events in the district.

**Announcements**: Kerin once again thanked the PTO for all the help and support. Submit receipts to Kimberly for any budgeted items for which you need reimbursement.

**Meeting adjourned at 8:16pm**