

HAVENS PARENT CLUB MEETING
Tuesday August 21st at 7pm in the Havens Library

Call to Order/Welcome/Passing of Roll Call Sheet: Laura Amen

Meeting called to order at 7:05

Approval of Minutes

- Laura opened the floor for discussion of the 5/22/18 meeting – no further discussion
- Motion to approve: Tara Boris
- Motion seconded: Tamisha Apodaca
- All Board members were in favor. No objections. One abstention by Tara Desautels.
- Minutes approved.

Guest Speaker: Laura Remer

Speaker provided information about the Haven's library website.

- Library catalog makes it easy to see what all the Piedmont school libraries have.
- Kids are allowed to do anything they can access from the homepage during lunch recess.
- Library provides access to e-books that can be checked out remotely.
- TrueFlix is a non-fiction database that the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade teachers really like.
- Tumble Books are interactive e-books, puzzles and games which can be accessed from anywhere. These are purchased using Parents Club funds.
- The Destiny app is purchased by the library and provides audio books that can be used from any device provided you download the app.
- Parents are welcome to come to the library to check out books. It is preferable that you visit when there isn't a class in the library. Hours are posted on the library door.

Principal's Report: Anne Dolid

School Values: has been a multi-year discussion at Haven's.

- "Everyone at Haven's belongs" At Haven's we are caring, courageous and have integrity.
- Teachers are introducing the values in grade-appropriate ways. It has been helpful to start the year with shared values and language.

Teaching social and emotional skills: Second Step is the curriculum Haven's uses

- Four key units: Skills for learning, how to calm down, empathy, problem solving steps

Teachers had a full-day training this fall.

- Let's Talk workshops will be held this weekend. They are open to the community.

Teaching Tolerance curriculum:

- Four main domains: Identity, diversity, justice, action
- Website is a great resource for teachers. Used to supplement other instructional materials.

Anne handed out playground expectations.

What happens when your child comes home after conflict, having been called a name, or with hurt feelings:

- If your child is coming home with something that has upset them, check in with your child's teacher or Lori Morris. School wants to know if something is going on. They can't help with something they are not aware of.
- Sometimes your child just needs you to listen without proposing solutions. Empathize with their position. Showing a child empathy can help develop their own empathy towards others.
- Kids can be mean without being bullies. That doesn't mean they are a mean kid. Be forgiving with other people's kids.
- Help your child see another perspective, the other possibilities.
- Don't interview your child for pain. Talk to your child about all the things that went right in their day. Validate things that are hard, help them problem-solve but also help them focus on the positive.

The questions any teacher or other adult asks when they are approached by a child with a conflict are:

- What happened?
- What do you need?
- What have you done to try to resolve the problem yourself?

President's Report: Laura Amen

Goals for the year:

- Would like for HPC to be a place to be inclusive and where everyone belongs.
- Volunteer pool is oversaturated with the same people filling most volunteer roles: Laura asked the HPC Board to help increase volunteerism, expand the pool.
- Be courageous: We, as a group, stand up for what is right.
- Keep integrity at the forefront of our decision-making.

VP Report: Tara Boris

Parent Socials are held during September and October to encourage parents of each grade to get together to get to know one another. There are six parties, one for each grade. Each party is typically a couple of hours long. Be on the lookout for the invitation. Each family brings something to share.

Giving Campaign: Mia Tindle

The gap between what the district will receive and the budget is \$4.3 million. We have to come up with 55% of that amount through the Giving Campaign. Kick off is Sept 25th. One of the primary objectives of the committee is identify big donors, please contact Mia or Joy with direct leads

Girl's Leadership: Nancy White

Girls' Leadership will be offering a workshop at Havens this fall. The focus is social-emotional wellness, building healthy relationships and helping girls to find their voice through play. Workshops will be in October at the school on Tuesday afternoons. K-1st will be in one workshop and 2nd-3rd will be in a second workshop. There is also a 4th- 5th session that will be held in the winter or spring. pace is limited. The workshops are open to the entire community.

Box Tops: Nancy White

We raised \$800 last year through Box Tops. Each Box Top is worth \$.10. here will be bags in each classroom to collect Box Tops. here is also a Box Tops app that scans your receipt for Box Tops credit – will be included in the next Highlights.

Dress Best for Less (DBFL): Amy Thomas

DBFL is the single largest donor to PEF annually – donates \$80-100k/year. Bring donations to the Marking Room – can leave them in the box 24 hours a day. Or, come by from 10am-noon on the weekends to shop the Marking Room. Shop for sports equipment, Halloween costumes, games, etc. Teachers and Schoolmates are both able to come to the Marking Room and get free supplies.

Advanced Learners Program Support (ALPS): Michelle Kwok

Works with children with different learning abilities. September 25th is Gate Information Night. October 10th is the ALPS Parent Sharing Meeting to connect with other parents who have questions about the ALPS program.

School Board Representative Elections:

School Board Representative Doug Ireland is not running again for school board. He asks everyone to examine candidates closely and educate ourselves before voting. At the tri-school October meeting, we are aiming to have the candidates come in and do a panel to present their ideas.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.