

**HAVENS PARENT CLUB MEETING**  
**Tuesday September 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:35am in the Havens Library**

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

**Present at the Meeting:** Laura Amen, Doug Ireland, Andrea Swenson, Betty Winnacker, Anne Dolid, Barbara Dickason, Katie Gudiksen, Stephanie Stone, Heidi Upton, Judy Lin, Anne Hawkins, Coral Day, Joy Nieman, Tara Boris, Siow Fang Tan, Amy Gurvitz, John Welch, Alissa Welch, Michelle, Cucullu, Pedro Gonzalez, Lindsay Thomasson, Blair Paige, Cortney Allen, Annie Horton, Amy Thomas and Mandana Veiseh.

**Meeting called to order at 8:41**

**Approval of Minutes**

- Laura opened the floor for discussion of the 8/21/18 meeting – no further discussion
- Motion to approve: Stephanie Stone
- Motion seconded: Alissa Welch
- All Board members were in favor. No objections. No abstentions.
- Minutes approved.

**Guest Speaker: Doug Ireland**

Doug is not running for reelection. Andrea Swenson will be our new representative. The role of the Board is to help the district understand what our goals are and to achieve those goals.

- Meetings are every other week.
- Board doesn't act independently. Votes are in public. Board has tended to be a cooperative Board – it's not often that they disagree. They aim to seek consensus among Board members.

Doug's recommendations for to look for in a School Board candidate:

- **Understand the budget:** Voters ensure the candidate knows and understands the district budget.
- **Be aware of local and national trends:** The candidate should know what is going on around the country in education at the Board level.
  - (State gives 9k a kid in Piedmont. In Illinois districts get 12-14k/student. Piedmont spends approximately \$13.5-14k/student – the difference is made up by parcel taxes, donations, etc.) It is important to know that we are at a budgetary disadvantage and to ensure our students are competitive when entering college is a priority).
- **Be diplomatic:** Board is taking care of all kids, not one family's children. Being engaged with the community but also being able to say no diplomatically.
- **Demonstrate leadership:** Having clarity about the goals of the district and being able to say no when it is necessary to do so.

#### Primary Board Work:

- **Budgeting:** Primary work of the Board is budgeting. There are many budgetary constraints but state budget cuts are only constraining the budget further.
- **Curriculum:** Second most important work of Board is curriculum. It is constantly evolving. Board members are not expected to be education experts. They learn as they go and listen to educators. How do we maintain a 21<sup>st</sup> century learning and teaching environment?
  - Ensure all students' needs are met for the full range of students – special needs > gifted students.
- **Leadership:** Number one Board job is hiring good leadership for the district. Randy is excellent – it is his job to hire principals, staff, etc. Board helps set goals – how much admin v teaching staff, good balance of teachers, etc.
- **Facilities:** We can't do everything we want to facilities due to budget constraints.
  - Next major remodel will be to the high school.
  - Goal is to remodel middle school in five years.

#### Principal's Report: Anne Dolid

##### Announcements:

- CA Shake Out is October 18<sup>th</sup>. The site safety plan is available for parents to look at in Anne's office (it cannot leave the office/school).
  - Campus is built to withstand a 6.9 earthquake.
  - Shake out gives opportunity to run through earthquake scenario and make changes to future plans if necessary.
  - Parents need to ensure they have a variety of contacts – from someone who could walk to campus to someone out of the immediate area.
  - Other types of emergency drills will take place throughout the year. There will be announcements in advance of each.
- Parent coffees will be held throughout the semester.
  - Please encourage parents to come. Dates are in the bulletin.
- Due to the support of the parents club and Dad's Club we have been able to address some needs, in the coming months including the following:
  - the digging area will be improved
  - The Dad's Club will be inlaying stones and bricks to make a path for matchstick cars.
  - School purchased a huge set of those blue foam bricks like the ones they have at the Bay Area Discovery Museum for kids to play with on the playground.
  - Goal is to provide opportunities for kids who don't like to do ball sports. Some of the activities they've been doing are: bubbles, music, dance parties
- Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP)

- Three year plan for both districts and school sites. Mr. Booker & Dr. Wozniak have developed an “eco-system” visual to illustrate goals. This plan will be available to the community soon.
- Objective is to inter-weave social & emotional goals with academic goals and to put structures into place help to meet goals.

**President’s Report: Laura Amen**

**Harvest Festival:** In desperate need of parent volunteers. Carnival games are on the chopping block for the day if we don’t have more volunteers by Wednesday of next week. Can be parents or middle and high schoolers signed up.

**Havens Volunteers:** We need a Script lead because the current leader is stepping down. There are other opportunities as well. Please encourage parents to volunteer.

**VP Report: Tara Boris**

Parent Socials are underway. TK and Kindergarten socials have already taken place. Others are upcoming. Encourage friends to come, especially in the lower grades because it is a good way to start building community.

**Treasurer’s Report: Betty Winnacker**

Year end \$59k in bank, \$29k is reserved for technology. We have spent down our reserves. All fundraisers made \$104k, costs were 89k, we had a 13k surplus. We made a number of grants last year and we will not be able to do that this year. ASE, merchandise and Dad’s Club all raised a lot of money last year. Lunch funds go directly to the district and then it comes back to Haven’s based on amounts that go to teachers and staff. Thus, it never shows up on Treasurer’s Report.

**Giving Campaign: Joy Nieman**

Giving Campaign is district’s largest annual fundraiser. It plays a vital role in paying for all the services we enjoy at Piedmont schools. Gap between state + local taxes \$4.2m and Piedmont expenses. The Giving Campaign is aiming to raise 55% of that which is approx. \$1600k/student. At the end of this year our reserve will be spent down.

Betty suggested out that as we come up for our next CA election cycle, research how CA funds will be spent on education. Think of this as a voter.

**Hot Lunch: Stephanie Stone**

In first 25 days of school, Haven’s raised \$2,883 from school lunch. Hot lunch volunteers are always needed.

**Dress Best for Less: Amy Gurvitz**

Need volunteers in the Marking Room and the store. Great activity for grandparents. For those of you that have been donating, a lot is being stolen – use the bin or come back when the

Marking Room is open. The Marking Room and DBFL have many Halloween costumes. Ski sale is Nov 3<sup>rd</sup> – drop off donations now so that they can be part of the ski sale and then come and shop on Nov 3<sup>rd</sup>.

**Meeting adjourned at 9:35am.**