

**Havens Parents Club Meeting  
Tuesday, October 3rd, 2017 at 7:00pm Havens Library**

**Call to Order/Welcome/Passing of the roll sheet-Dana Lung**

Present at the meeting: Dana Lung, Laura Amen, Betty Winnacker, Mary Beth Russell, Katie Gudiksen, Christina Vo, Charlene Reis, Jill Lindenbaum, Joy Nieman, Cindy Hinman, Annie Horton, Amy Gurvitz, Heidi Upton, Nancy White, Judy Lin, Siow Fang Tan, Wendi Lelke-Wallway, Jacque Jumper, Gretchen Killion, Fawad Butt, Teebie Bunn Saunders, Michele Kwok, Gael Tornatore, Anne Aldridge Peacock, Mandana Veiseh, Rita Fabi, Kobi Eshun, Heather Frank, Doug Ireland

**Meeting called to order at 7:05pm**

**Guest Speaker: Heather Frank**

Has been at PEF since April of 2017.

This is Heather's first Giving Campaign.

Student Directory is in its final stages of approval – expected mid to late October.

Harvest Festival was the week before last and was a huge effort on the part of 3 elementary schools, Piedmont Recreation Department and the city of Piedmont.

The Harvest Festival raised \$18,000 (\$4,000 more than the previous year).

Last week PEF presented a check to the school board in the amount of \$2,399,000.

This amount was raised the previous year through all programs put together.

The district can use these funds to educate our students.

Started last year was getting community involvement in the grants process.

Our biggest priority is small class size.

The LCAP meetings are the best way for parents to be involved in what is important in our schools as it drives what the district is doing/deciding for our students.

Budge Advisory meetings are also a good place to get involved.

The Giving Campaign launched 2 weeks ago.

Everyone should have received a letter in the mail with details.

There is a \$4.4 million deficit which is the difference between the cost of educating the 2700 kids in the district and revenues from local government and taxes.

This is a difference of \$1633/student in our schools.

Many families cannot contribute this amount but participation of any amount is encouraged, while those who can contribute more than this amount are encouraged to do so.

The Giving Campaign raised \$560,000 in the first 2 weeks and comes from 200 families.

Thus far 27% of the HPC Board has contributed.

We are looking for 100% participation from all parent club boards.

Please encourage your friends and neighbors to participate in the Giving Campaign.

Everyone is welcome to contact Heather Frank via phone, email or dropping by PEF.

**Principal's Report: Anne Dolid:**

Highland Avenue Gate is going in.

Students and parents will need to pass through Ellen Driscoll this Thursday and Friday. The goal is to have it fully installed by Monday 10/9/17.

Anne encouraged everyone to attend the LCAP meetings.

These have been merged with School Site Council meetings.

Combining means less meetings and more merging of the work as these groups are closely connected with similar goals and actions.

There are also parent engagement night meetings.

Sara Wicht will be coming back in February to teach us about social justice.

**Officers' Reports****Approval of the 8/29 HPC Meeting Minutes**

Dana asked for a motion to approve the 8/29 meeting minutes. Anne Dolid proposed a revision regarding the percentage of teachers who participated in the week-long professional development training on social justice. She believes Randy was referring to staff and not teachers (faculty). Christina Vo motioned to approve the amended minutes and Betty Winnacker seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

**President's Report: Dana Lung**

Good Eats has provided snacks for our meeting tonight.

Please enjoy the snacks and take home a card with their contact info.

10% of all Havens orders from Good Eats in October and November will go to HPC.

Thank you to Joy Nieman, Katie Sample and Penny Graham for coordinating our Book Fair event - there was a coffee this morning and the taco truck is coming on Wednesday night 10/4/17.

Also on Wednesday evening the 2-story classroom building will be open to display student artwork that is tied into our Havens values.

The merchandise team will be on hand for sales.

Today 10/3/17 was our fall Teacher Appreciation lunch, led by Jacque Jumper and the Hospitality Team, who helped show our teachers just how much we appreciate all the work they do for our school. Every day should be Teacher Appreciation Day.

**Treasurer's Report: Betty Winnacker**

Betty passed out copies of the financial report for HPC as of the end of fiscal year 6/30.

Explained that last year we spent down our reserves (these had been built up for many years) on items such as: landscape, math coach, Highland Avenue gate, teacher training etc.

Betty anticipates one more year of deficit spending and noted we have \$174,000 in reserves.

The budget for this year is about the same as last year.

Betty is the PEF Grants Committee rep and she is happy to answer questions about the Giving Campaign, statue funding, etc.

### **Committee Reports:**

#### **ASE: Cindy Hinman**

ASE offered 26 classes this fall and enrolled 400 students.

This is a 20% increase from the fall session last year and an 8% from spring last year.

Only one class was cancelled due to low enrollment.

Two classes had low enrollment and all others were near full, full or waitlisted.

#### **Room Parent Coordinator: Heidi Upton**

Heidi thanked all the Volunteer and Communication room parents.

Particular thanks for encouraging participation in the Harvest Festival.

We have a new process to streamline class communications from room parents.

The goal is to have only one email that groups multiple items together (assuming there is content/news to share that week) with the end goal to reduce emails sent to families and increase attention given to those communications.

#### **SERVES: Christina Vo & Katie Gudiksen**

SERVES is now tri-school.

Their mission is to bring community service to elementary students.

The group thus far has been successful bringing service opportunities.

SERVES has monthly weekend events.

Noted that it is hard to find organizations that accept younger children.

The California Coastal Clean Up event had over 30 people participate.

The next event is at the Alameda County Community Food Bank (ACCFB).

A food drive benefitting the ACCFB just ended on campus.

The 5<sup>th</sup> graders in Wallis/Taylor counted the cans – over 1000.

There is an upcoming event at Wood Park to clean up and remove fire hazards.

See Havens Highlights for links to sign up to participate.

SERVES is participating in Lunchtime Activities on Thursday or Friday every other week.

Idea is to tie these into what is going on in school and the world around us that are both relevant and not overly costly.

Kids do not need to sign up for these lunchtime activities – they can just join.

Next meeting is on October 17<sup>th</sup> – details in Highlights.

#### **Lunchtime Activities: Dana Lung on behalf of Lara Dickinson**

Every Tuesday/Wednesdays there is lunchtime art.

Every other Thursday/Friday SERVES organizes an activity.

These alternate weeks with a nutrition or science-related activity.

Students simply need to walk over to the wooden picnic tables and join in – all are welcome to participate.

Our lunchtime supervisors are getting up to speed with the activity schedule. Helpful for them to remind kids playing on the field that they can join.

### **DBFL: Amy Gurvitz**

Amy will be attending her first DBFL board meeting next week.

They are in the early stages of planning a Havens Parents Night.

Possible date for that event is November 2, 2017.

Idea is the store will be open from 6-7:30 pm.

Shakewell Restaurant is offering a beverage to all before going to shop.

Possible performance by the 4<sup>th</sup> or 5<sup>th</sup> grade musicians.

Reminder there are lots of great Halloween costumes available at DBFL!

### **Doug Ireland: School Board**

Doug noted that the CAASP results were outstanding.

CAASP tests taken by grades 3 through 8 as well as 11.

They have rolled out the preliminary drawings for the high school project.

Current theater building location will become the STEAM building.

The “Tens Building” will become the Alan Harvey Theater.

CHIME gala is on October 14 – former student Zachary Piser is returning for a performance.

### **7:45 pm Adjournment**

### **VALUES WORK**

At this point in the meeting we broke into 2 groups and worked on our Havens Values – circles were led by Anne Dolid, Kim Jordan, Lori Morris and Ken Taylor.