

H.M.K. Parent Council
March 23, 2010
7:00 p.m. Staff Room

Present: Jason Epp, Allen Hanke, Cheryl Beaumont
Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by Jason Epp.

1. Principal's report

April 15 – Spring Fling

- parent council will be responsible for finding volunteers to run the snack table (Cheryl will contact some volunteers)
- doors open at 7:20p.m., dance begins at 7:30
- all parents are encouraged to bring a food item to be shared at the snack table

Grade 6 students studying flight in science

- COPA (Canadian Owners and Pilots Association) are offering a free airplane ride to grade 6 students at the Manitoba Home Coming Celebration that is being held in Neepawa
- a parent information packages will be sent this week

Budget for the upcoming school year

- budget has been passed at the board level for funding for next year
- enrollment is stable ~ staffing ratios will remain the same (fewer kindergarten students; therefore, there are plans for only two classes ~ remember to register at the office if your student is old enough to enroll in school)

Sound Amplification in Classrooms

- teachers are experimenting with sound amplification in the classroom with the hope to find a system that provides the opportunity for students to hear the teacher more clearly and increase their focus on the task at hand
- systems are approximately \$1000 each
- provide even sound distribution

Fundraising

- goal is to raise \$5000 per school year
- the discount card fundraiser is being reviewed on how to improve
- fundraising is essential for providing minimal cost field trips for all students at school
- grants are not usually considered for the field trip budget as many service clubs and organizations generously donate to the school for bigger projects such as playground equipment
- goal is to avoid buying products from outside the community ~ trying to keep the fundraiser local to support businesses in our community
- another fundraiser may be required to reach the fundraising goal

2. President's Report

- RBC cup will be visiting HMK on April 5 and 6
- correspondence from a pizza sales company
- future speakers ~ Manitoba Brain Association about the seriousness of concussions and the Brown Bag Blahs group

3. Treasurer's Report

- \$128.75 was spent on Teacher Appreciation Week
- balance of \$4209.57
- outstanding monies – division office offers money to parent councils – Jason will check to be sure we have filled out the proper documentation

- decision to spend our fundraising money (\$4000) ~ Movement Spectacular \$500, Grade 5/6 Field Trip \$300, Artist in the School \$900, Playground Fund \$500, Literacy Library \$800, Student Support \$500, Musical Presentation (opera) \$200, Noon Hour Choir (Miss Tester) \$100, Garden Club (Mrs. MacPhee) \$100, Kids in the Kitchen (Mrs. Pollock) \$100
- the parent council would like to thank teachers who let us know about their financial needs – the parent council group appreciates the extra clubs and activities that teachers provide for our students

4. Other

- teacher appreciation week was enjoyed by the staff (treats in the staff room for the week, and a special lunch to wrap up the week)
- thank-you to Jason and Monica for planning

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Next Meeting: May 18, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. in the staff room