



Howard PTO Meeting Minutes – Jan. 13, 2010

- I. **Meeting called to order by Lee Ann Jones, President at 12:05 p.m.**
- II. **Invocation by Tammy Cochran.**
- III. **Troy Foote, Howard Playground Chair: An effort to move forward with playground allocations is going on and it is preferred that all funds be allocated– around \$40,000. The following is proposed: repairs/upkeep; add a swing, shade, roof and trees; clear areas with sand; replace litter receptacles and add a modern play station. If you have suggestions/ideas or would like to help, please email troy at tulsu@aol.com**
- IV. **Lee Ann thanked SA Fresh/Elliot Hayne for catering lunch.**
- V. **Kristie Harnisch/Project Care chair: Thanked all volunteers. 102 Howard children and siblings received gifts ages 6 months to 18 years. A total of \$1,800 was donated and \$2,387.62 spent.**
- VI. **The Giving Tree: parents and Howard children selected individual gifts. The gifts were delivered to the San Antonio Battered Women’s shelter.**
- VII. **Speakers**

A. Mr. Dan Bolen – Howard Interim Principal

1. Thanked the PTO – without their help they wouldn’t be able to accomplish the many great things at Howard.
2. Spoke about his experience: He was the assistant vice principal at Cambridge for 12 years and has taught in Ecuador and India. He has taught special Ed, Spanish and gifted programs.
3. His job at as interim principal at Howard will be to make sure everything is flowing well.
4. The Howard principal position will be posted and the school will conduct interviews for the principal position starting in March.

B. Kristin LeVoyer/Howard FACE Campaign Representative

1. \$244,000 has come in for FACE Foundation and to continue sending the donations. \$400,000 is the goal.
2. Tickets for Roundup are for sale for \$55.00 each or \$1,000 or \$1,500 for a table. Tickets can be bought online. Go to http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation_web/ways_to_give/specialevents.htm for more information.

V. Board Reports

- A. PTO November Minutes were approved.
- B. Julie Patterson/Visiting Author – Kathy Apelt will speak to the kids Friday, Jan. 29. There will be two books for sale and an order form will go home to purchase the books.
- C. Kinder Preview will be held 1/25; 2/10 and 2/18. Volunteers are needed to help out. Please email Patti Haugen patti@hmacademy.com or Suzanne Simpson at scsimpson@sbcglobal.net.
- D. Book Fair/Patti Mays – will be held 2/22-2/26 8a-2p through Scholastic. A Texas Tea Room will be set up where the students and their parents or special friends can have lunch and then purchase books in the library afterwards. The sales of the book fair will benefit Howard in that they will get credit to buy new books. Also, every child will receive a book.
- E. Poinsettia Sales/Gina Stevens – 373 poinsettias were sold which made over \$1,300 for Howard.
- F. After School Enrichment/Kelley Stevens and Kelly Johnson – Will be held again 2/1-2/4 and also 4/5-4/8. Please email Kelley at kelleystevens@yahoo.com or cell is 332-3105 for questions or to volunteer.
- G. Kindercreations/Katie Mimari and Carey West – Donations to Kindercreations will result in an amount that will be distributed evenly to all the teachers. The teachers will use these donations for much needed items in the classroom. Please watch for a letter with more information. It will be held 1/19-2/9. The donations will be distributed to teachers on Friday, 2/12.
- H. Flu Shots – H1N1/Susanne Marco – The booster for the H1N1 vaccine is scheduled for Wed., Jan. 27 and is only for children who received the first vaccination. Volunteers are needed. A consent form will be sent home.

VI. New Business, Lee Ann Jones

- A. The playground funds are a combination of several years worth of funds. There is \$30,000 and are hoping to add an additional \$12-\$15,000.

- B.** There are also funds that will be used to provide immediate gratification. The teachers have been asked what they would like to see and they noted that playground upgrades are important as well as new digital cameras, updating the computer lab and new headphones to be used in the classroom.
- C.** Mrs. Sosa will be honored at the playground unveiling with a plaque.
- D.** Reminder: If your child has a birthday, please participate in the Howie Book Club. A \$20.00 check made out to Howard PTO and sent to your teacher will allow your child to donate a new book to the library and be the first to check out the book.
- E.** Patti Mays won the door prize.
- F.** MARK YOUR CALENDARS: Next PTO meeting is Wednesday, Feb. 10th – Dan St. Romain will continue his talk on the Keys of Excellence.
- G.** After School Enrichment – 2/1-2/4
- H.** 1/25; 2/12; 2/18 – Kinder Preview and Registration

VII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.