



## **Howard PTO Meeting Minutes – Nov. 11, 2009**

- I. Meeting called to order by Lee Ann Jones, President at 12:07 p.m.**
- II. Invocation by Josie Flesher.**
- III. Wilma Sosa, Howard Principal - said there was a letter sent home about literacy and to contact Sally Bates in the office to set up an appt. with her for further questions. She also said to try to be at school as much as possible and the next parties will be the Pow Wow and Holiday party in December. She said to please refer to the Howard handbook for any questions regarding the parties and what they are about.**
- IV. Discussion of H.E.B. store.**
- V. Reaching out to parents again regarding volunteering.**
- VI. Speakers**

### **A. Dan St. Romain**

- 1. Spoke about the eight keys of success, which come from Quantum Learning. He said they are very important to teach and every two weeks, he is teaching a new key.
- 2. The Eight Keys of Excellence are: Integrity; This is It!; Failure Leads to Success; Speak with Good Purpose; Commitment; Balance; Ownership and Flexibility – copy and paste:  
<http://webfc.ahisd.net/~dstromain/?OpenItemURL=S00B6B810>  
on your browser for a more detailed definition of each key.
- 3. Dan said by the end of the year, Howard children will be exposed to all eight keys.
- 4. Dan said he will conduct a research workshop in the Spring.

### **B. Josie Flesher/Howard FACE Campaign Representative**

- 1. Josie explained that 40% of the tax dollars are recaptured by the state, so it's important to give to the Foundation, which provides excellence to AHISD's education.

### **C. Kristin LeVoyer**

1. Kristin announced that the Roundup for Excellence will be held 2/24/2010 and the cost is \$55.00 per person. For more information, go to:  
[http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation\\_web/whats\\_new/events.html](http://www.ahisd.net/Foundation_web/whats_new/events.html)

### **V. Board Reports**

- A. PTO October Minutes were approved.**
- B. Meg Culp and Jodi Wood, Raffle Chairs, were pleased to announce that \$25,172.98 was raised from the raffle. Lee Ann thanked Meg and Jodi and gave them a small gift card for their hard work and efforts of a successful raffle!**
- C. Teacher Appreciation/Kerri Saulman –thanked Julie Hill for her efforts on a successful week. She said the teachers received goody bags and a great variety of foods were offered to the teachers during conference week. Volunteers will be needed for the Spring conference and please contact Julie Hill if interested: [Juliana.hill@hotmail.com](mailto:Juliana.hill@hotmail.com)**
- D. Poinsettia Sales/Gina Stevens – Poinsettias are available and now is the time to buy. She said the poinsettias are beautiful blooms. Please go to <http://www.ahisd.net/campuses/howard/main/PTO/mPTO.html> to download a form.**
- E. Playground Update/Troy Foote – Troy said plans to upgrade the playground are happening now. Please speak to Troy about any issues and/or recommendations by emailing him directly: [tulsu@aol.com](mailto:tulsu@aol.com). He will consolidate ideas and as a group, vote based on priorities.**
- F. After School Enrichment/Kelley Stevens and Kelly Johnson – Four volunteers are needed 12/7-12/10 from 1:30-2:20 p.m. and 2 p.m. – 3 p.m. to help pass out snacks and help the children get to the correct classroom. Please email Kelley at [kelleystevens@yahoo.com](mailto:kelleystevens@yahoo.com) or cell is 332-3105.**

- G. Project Care/Kristie Harnisch – Kristie said that project care helps out those less fortunate and there are a number of ways to get involved: Giving Tree – wrap gifts and put under tree; Spending Money – spending money of family members who need it; Old Toys/clothes – donating old clothes and toys. Please email Kristie at [harnisch@yahoo.com](mailto:harnisch@yahoo.com) for more info. A flyer will be sent home 11.30.09. In 2008, project care helped 24 families and 90+ children, so any and all help is appreciated!**
- H. Kinder Creations/Katie Mimari – This is a teacher gift program for the teachers and more information will be coming home in the tote bags.**
- I. Scarves and Ties/Mills Buchek – Lee Ann reminded everyone that Alamo Heights Centennial scarves are ties make great gifts and are available for sale in the Howard office.**

#### **VI. New Business, Lee Ann Jones**

- A.** Lee Ann mentioned that the AHISD is conducting a survey on homework. To access the survey, go to <http://survey.ahisd.net/survey/index.php>
- B.** Special thanks went to Tammy Cochran, Gail Armstrong and Geneeco Dukes for providing lunch.
- C.** Jennifer Allison won the door prize.
- D.** 11/19-20 Pow Wows
- E.** 11/23-27 Thanksgiving Break
- F.** 12/7-12/10 After School Enrichment
- G.** 12/18/09 – Classroom Holiday Parties.
- H.** 12/21/09-1/1/10 – Holiday Break
- I.** 1/12/10 – Kinder Preview and Registration
- J.** 1/13/10 – Next PTO Meeting

#### **VII. The meeting was adjourned at 1:20 p.m.**