

**SIGNAL HILL PTA MEETING
OCTOBER 10, 2009**

Call to order – Meeting was called to order at 7:40 pm

Pledge of Allegiance

Welcome:

- Attendance – class parent sign in sheets
- Membership – See Rose and Ursola for PTA membership
- Helping Hands – Fall Book Fair, Fall Festival, Special Education Novelty Fundraiser
- Committee openings – Council standing committee openings: AHAP, Budget, Community Events, Wellness. School committee opening: 5th Grade Parent needed for Memory Book sub-committee for Boosters
- Reminder: “Ball in the House” Family Concert Friday, October 16 @ 7:00 pm @ H.S. East - tickets still available
- Update: Movie Day has been changed to January 18, 2010.

Thank you: to all Committee members and volunteers for the Family Picnic, Gift Wrap, Car Wash, Reflections, Photo Day, Membership, Bulletin Board, Hospitality, Big Help, Box Tops, Birthday Book Club and the PTA Website and to Ellen Capitanio for the new monthly newsletter

Treasurers Report:

- \$650.00 profit from the Car Wash
- membership drive is ahead of last year by \$400
- Received a check from Target for \$255.00. Looking to team up with Stop & Shop also.
- Reminder to committees to sign for copies at UPS Store and list the event that the flyers are for.
- Whenever possible please make 2 copies onto one 8 1/2 x 11 sheet for Flyers to save money

Correspondence Report: Received Thank you notes from teachers for beginning of school year start up money

Principals Report: Demonstration of the new District Website, Infinite Campus and a look at the PTA website.

- Explanation of Staff websites and e-mail addresses (ex. dostrosky@hhh.k12.ny.us)
- If you are running an event....put it in the Newsletter
- Fall Festival – activities, games, pumpkin patch, DJ & food available for purchase
- Mums for sale \$8.00 or 3 for \$22.00

Council Report:

- 2 new Asst. Principals at HSE
- Council received \$3000.00 from legislature Stern
- NY State Controllers office report - Our district rated 1 of only 5% without any findings or suggestions of any sort.
- Talked about the Flu – be diligent with hand washing. Stay home from school until 24 hours with no fever without medicine
- Friday, October 30th is Halloween celebration at HSE from 4:00 – 6:00 pm
- This year there will be no Athletic Roundtable. There will be Roundtables for Fine Arts and Visual Arts.
- Reportit.com is for anonymous reporting for students
- Red Dot – A red dot can be placed on the outside of your vehicle in order to alert emergency service workers of any special needs info about your passengers. Information should be placed in the glove compartment.
- Kidstuff book will be going home October 19th. Cost is \$25.00

Allergy Committee Report:

Next meeting – Oct. 27th CO @ 7:00 pm

How to keep kids safe on Halloween – difference between intolerance and anaphylaxis

Special Education Committee:

- Novelty Sale – Oct. 28th & 29th – Looking for volunteers
- Septa PTA – Donated books to each library in memory of FranGreenspan
- SOAR fundraiser – November 21st Crazy Donkey – Raffles can be purchased.
- Peer modeling group – Middle School students can volunteer Tuesdays and Thursdays for 2 hours at Candlewood
- Basketball Challenger Program – Volunteers are needed on Saturdays at 10:00 am

Arts in Education Committee:

Character Education themes: Friendship, Caring, and Sharing

Looking for 1 parent for each roundtable (Visual, Music and Theater)

Hills on Stage – Wizard of Oz (Friday, Saturday and Sunday Shows)

Community Awareness:

- Ryder Golf Course Approved
- Burrs Lane – Religious Center being talked about
- Bagatelle Rd – project to improve drainage
- No renovation at Madonna Heights, expansion of intersection at Wolf Hill and Melrose
- Walkway from HSW to Caledonia Rd.
- Possibility of a BJ'S at the Tanger Outlets. Tanger Group having difficulty getting tenants
- Pilgrim State Project – plans to build 9,000 apartments on property
- November 30th – Free Flu Shots @ Library for people w/Medicaid or Medicare. \$39.00 fee for all others

Diversity:

1st Forum – “R” Word – Change from Retard to Respect
Mix It Up Day – November 10th

Facilities:

- Went over completions of HSE Bathrooms and West Hollow interior doors
- More security cameras have been installed in the district
- Purell Dispensers all filled up
- All buildings passed annual inspections
- Phasing out security company to replace w/own security which will employ retired police officers.
- Conserving energy/power – changing lights, clocks and updating air conditioning

Legislation:

- Recruiting new reps. 22 HS students are part of the committee
- Meet the candidate night – Tues., October 27th 7:00 HSE. Each PTA must provide food
- Upcoming events - Trip to Albany to lobby for more money for District and visit to Suffolk County Legislature
- Next meeting – Tues. Oct. 20th 9:45 @ HSE

Nutrition:

- Overview of Lunch Program
- Eliminated Trans Fat
- Online payment system
- Allergy notification system
- Next Wellness Fair – October 2010

PRC – Topics from community to be addressed. November 17th – Spread the word to end the word.

Publicity:

Updates once a week on PTA web site. Great resource for parents: Helping Hands Link
All committee reps. please send info for your events to be posted on PTA site to Michelle Turner @ ptamom3@gmail.com

Special Events – Scholarship money fundraiser – Founders Day – March 18th @ Melville Marriot (flyers to follow)

Task Force - Went over Pride Survey given to children. See Patrick Murphy’s web site for results. Children should know 5 ways to get out of a bad situation.

Transportation - Bus rides should be no longer than 45 minutes.

95% of HHH buses have two digital cameras. Most of the Educational buses do also
November 17th – Bus Driver Appreciation Day

Upcoming Events:

Schools closed 10/12 for Columbus Day, 11/3 for Election Day, 11/11 for Veterans Day, 11/20 for Elementary Conferences and 11/26 & 11/27 for Thanksgiving

Spirit Day – 10/21

Fall Festival – 10/23 6:30 pm

Book Fair – 10/26 -10/30

Meet the Candidates – 10/27 6:30 pm

Safe Halloween – 10/30 4:00 – 6:00 pm @ HSE

Photo re-take Day – 11/10

NYS 5th Grade Social Studies Exam – 11/16 & 11/17

Gift Wrap pick-up – 11/18, 11/19 & 11/20

Evening Conferences – 11/17 & 11/19

***** Important Date Changes from District Calendar *****

- ✓ Movie Day – Now Monday, January 18 @ Elwood Movie Theater
- ✓ Garden Boutique – Now Friday, April 30th, Monday, May 3rd & Tuesday, May 4th
- ✓ Teacher Recognition Breakfast – Now Friday, May 14th
- ✓ Math Fair – Now March 2nd - 4th

Next PTA meeting – Wednesday, November 4th @ 9:30 am in the cafeteria