

## Hanaford PTG Meeting Minutes

September 21, 2016

14 in attendance including PTG board members: Jen Madden, Lisa Pomeroy, Beth Cauley, Emily DiIuro, Elizabeth Nuti, Laura Gessman, Rachel Stoklosa, and Amy Dator

- Approval of Minutes from June PTG meeting
- Unanimous vote to approve adding Emily DiIuro to the PTG Board as Co-Vice President
- President's Report
  - o Back to School Picnic and Movie Night was a big success thanks to all who came and volunteered.
  - o Konstella update- over 100 families have signed up. We will continue to encourage all to sign up and monitor feedback. Discussed appropriate use of chat features and developing chat guidelines.
  - o Update on previously approved expenditures.
    - \$500 Library gift card was given to Beth Gorter for purchase of additional books.
    - Teachers' lounge updates are in process: Appliances have been purchased and cabinets on order. After reviewing plans with contractor, a wall will need to be built to provide an even surface for the cabinets. This unforeseen change adds \$343 to the total cost already approved. Additional \$343 voted on and unanimously approved. Construction will take place once cabinets have been delivered over a long weekend or school holiday.
    - Additional Bike Rack-Vote was unanimously approved to purchase an additional bike rack to be placed at the Middle Road side of the building.
    - Discussed potentially purchasing additional Battle of the Books titles for the 4<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. Decided to wait and see what books were donated and/or could be purchased from the Book Fair with Scholastic dollars. No vote was taken to spend surplus funds on this just yet.
    - Mary Kiernan purchased plants with funds previously approved and allocated. She will be planting around the Hanaford sign in advance of Open House.
  - o Play- Rachel Stoklosa is leading the Hanaford play this year. It will be 3/31 and 4/1 at the high school. She is in the process of securing the rights to Madagascar.
- Principal's Update
  - o Busing is vastly improved since the start of the school year. Biggest challenges at the start were changes in traffic patterns due to altered start times, buses being delayed as a result of their initial runs for the high school/middle school, and new drivers not being familiar with the routes. We are continuing to monitor arrival times and trips home to see if more changes are necessary.
  - o Star testing is underway and nearing completion. Once completed, the teachers will be using common planning time to determine the power hour groups.
  - o PARC results from last year's test are being released and will be sent home probably Friday.
  - o Open House is tonight. Introductions will begin at 6:30pm in the gym and then everyone will be released to the classrooms from there.
  - o Talent Show-volunteers are interested in moving the Talent Show over to the high school stage. Only date available is end of April. Concern was expressed about how that move might change the casual fun of the show and how busy April is due to the play and vacation week. But, also discussed the benefits of having experienced volunteers and the sound and other benefits that come with using the high school auditorium. Decided to proceed with reserving the date and will continue to discuss if this is the best course of

action.

- Treasurer's Report
  - o Review of 2016-17 Budget
    - Further discussion of surplus, whether to keep Directory expense in the budget if only a few copies will need to be printed, amount of revenue allocated to Halloween night without the benefit of Pasta night, current Family Donation level, and some revenue listed under the Play (had previously not been expected to make money because amount is unpredictable).
  - o 2016-17 Budget was passed unanimously with the only change being the removal of \$900 of additional funds allocated to Battle of the Books, which will voted on as needed.
- Miscellaneous Business
  - o Apparel- Amy Dator will price out mesh shorts and either a hoodie or ¼ zip pullover with the goal of sending home an order form in Oct.
  - o Volunteer Update- Many have been volunteering for various committees on Konstella. Most chair positions have been filled. Will be advertising at Open House and through the newsletter to fill open positions.
  - o Next meeting is 10/19<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm