

Holyoke Community Charter School
Parent Connection Meeting
Thursday November 5, 2009 5:30 p.m.

Attending: Erin Paul, President; Laura Olmeda – Smith, Vice President;
Julie Lagoy, Treasurer; Dr. S. Pope, HCCS Director;
Gloria Urbina, HCCS Parent Liaison

Laura Olmeda – Smith gave an update on the “Box Tops for Education Program.” She is expecting delivery of new collection box for the Main Office, along with posters (one in English the other in Spanish) to show progress of upcoming contests to run in November and December. Laura also announced that letters would be going home with details of contest and list of products that have the coupons on them. The Parent Connection will also provide large Ziploc bags for the teachers to have for class collections. The prize for the winning class will be announced after consulting with Dr. Pope (either a pizza party or dress down day).

Erin Paul reviewed the upcoming Family Movie Night that will be held on Friday November 13 at 6:00 p.m. (the movie will be “Hotel for Dogs”). A request again was made for volunteers to help with set up and break down of this event.

Julie Lagoy presented the finances of the parent connection currently as \$4,500.00 between checking and savings. She also stated that this doesn’t include payment for the recent Book Fair.

Gloria Urbina Reviewed the Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks Program and reminded all to make sure to re-register their Stop and Shop cards. Forms are available in the Main Office with the schools id number already filled in.

Gloria also reviewed the Peoples Bank Student Banking Program. A bank associate will be at the school taking deposits the second Wednesday of the month until approximately 8:15 a.m.

The Scholastic Book Fair, which was held during Open House, had a sales total of \$200.00. In the spring there will be a “buy 1 get 1 book” sale.

Gloria also passed along information Ms. Atherley has found from the Boston Science Museum regarding school programs. The related material is for K-3 students. Erin will contact Ms. Atherly to get a specific count.

Dr. S. Pope stated that she has secured a Connect Ed fee that would now allow for announcements of upcoming events to now go out to all students’ home via this system.

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Dr. Pope also spoke about the Parent Seminars that are now being offered on the third Thursday of each month. Topics of the seminars will vary from nutrition, MCAS, study skills, etc. Topics will be different every month. The last Parent Seminar was well attended. If there is something the parents would be interested in for a topic, it was asked that they refer these requests to her.

A request was made to the group to see if anyone would be interested in filling the vacant position on the Parent Connection Board of Secretary. This position is currently vacant; Patty Lubold has been helping out currently until the position can be filled. Abby Morales volunteered to fill this position and the membership accepted her to the position.

Erin Paul announced that there are no upcoming events for the month of December, except for the next Parent Connection Meeting, which will be held on Thursday December 10th at 5:30 p.m.

Volunteers were also requested for the January 22nd Bingo for Books Event.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.