

Holyoke Community Charter School  
Parent Connection Meeting  
Thursday February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 5:30 p.m.

Attending: Erin Paul, President; Laura Olmeda-Smith, Vice President; Julie Lagoy, Treasurer; Gloria Urbina, HCCS Parent Liaison; Abigail Morales, Secretary

Review of Last Meeting Minutes – All in favor

Erin Paul discussed some requests for funding:

- Mrs. Hurley-King (8<sup>th</sup> grade English & Social Studies teacher) is requesting funding to accommodate transportation for **Plomoth Plantation and Mayflower II fieldtrip for the 8<sup>th</sup> grade**. Mrs. Hurley-King is requesting funds in the amount of \$850.00 to cover the roundtrip cost of a Peter Pan bus (Peter Pan quote was enclosed with request). Due to the distance of this trip, the school is required to transport students on a bus with a restroom. All parents in attendance voted unanimously in favor of Parent Connection funds being used to cover the transportation for this trip.
- Mr. Torres, SL Coordinator, is requesting **8<sup>th</sup> grade End of Year Ceremony T-Shirts**. The T-Shirts have the signatures of all students in the graduating 8<sup>th</sup> grade class and the package includes a special plaque also with the student's signatures which is given to Dr. Pope as a Class remembrance. Parent Connection has funded this item each year since 2006. The estimated costs are \$681.25. All parents in attendance voted unanimously in favor of Parent Connection funds being used to cover the costs of the T-Shirts.

Gloria Urbina:

- No update on **Stop and Shop Bonus Bucks Program**. We need to continue referring family and friends to take part in the Bonus Bucks Program as the program is soon to end (April). Forms are available at the main office and please spread the word that you must register for this program on a yearly basis, which many parents and/or relatives may not be aware of.
- **Smencils sales** went well. No help is needed after the PC meeting for bundling smencils. Smencils will be delivered to students tomorrow during school. She will look into ordering Smalentines (smencils specifically designed for Valentine's Day fundraising) for next year.
- Do not forget Dr. Pope is looking for any ideas for an event to celebrate our approval of the **Charter Renewal** for the next 5 years with no conditions.
- Requested an update on the **uniform and jacket donations** for the nurse. Abby stated that Dr. Pope did send a ConnectEd phone message to all HCCS families requesting for donations of uniforms, Mr. Colon donated a winter coat to the homeless student who was in need of one, and several parents brought in donations to the main office of uniforms for both upper school and lower school of varying sizes all of which were brought to the nurse's office. We unanimously were all in favor of using \$100.00 of Parent Connection funds to buy underwear

and socks to be kept in the nurse's office. Julie will take care of buying the items. We also discussed the possibility of purchasing a washer/dryer combo to place in the nurse's office so the nurse can better manage the donations of clothes.

Laura Olmeda-Smith reported the winners and participation of classes in the Box Tops Contest ending January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 which were distributed with the February PC Agenda. The top individuals received a \$5 McDonald's gift card (one student from KGA & one student from 5C). The 3 top classes received a pizza party on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> (KGA & 5C). The running tally is 11,095 Box Tops collected thus far. The profit from the Box Tops collection overrides any cost incurred for incentives such as McDonald's gift cards and pizza parties as we have collected over \$1,000 (see Box Tops table in February PC Agenda).

Erin discussed some past and upcoming events:

- **Bingo for Books** was held on Friday January 22, 2010 @ 6:00 p.m. Thanks to Christine Lefebvre who headed this event. It was decided that although Bingo for Books was well attended, we will revert back to scheduling it on Thursdays as this day yields a bigger turn out. Abby also stated that age appropriate books need to be offered and distribution of prize books needs to be monitored to assure that students are being given age appropriate books. Next Bingo for Books: April 15<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 6pm.
- **Parent Seminar** February 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 @ 5:30pm will be on Health and Sex Education.
- **Open House** is scheduled for Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2010. Volunteers are needed to head a Parent Connection table. There was some concern of little or no turn out as the Open House is scheduled the same day as Holyoke's Annual St. Patrick's Day Road Race. Abby will discuss with Dr. Pope to see if there is any possibility of a date change.
- **Movie Night** is scheduled for March 26<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and we will be showing "Cloudy with a Chance of Meatballs." We are looking for volunteers for this event.

Julie went over finances stating we are in good shape with an ending balance of \$4,381.85 (see January 2010 Account Reconciliation Sheet). She will be writing out the check for the Springfield Science Museum 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> grade field trip scheduled this Saturday February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2010 and will hand it to Abby as she is chaperoning the trip.

Erin Paul announced the next Parent Connection Meeting, which will be held on Thursday March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.