**Haycock PTA Meeting Minutes**

March 18, 2015 7:30 pm

**1. Call to Order (President’s Report)**

1. Whereupon, at 7:36 p.m., Karen Leiser called to order the general meeting of the PTA. Karen thanked everyone for coming to our first meeting since November thanks to all the snow days!
2. First order of business is to induct a Nominating Committee. Five willing people have been recruited. They must be formally nominated and elected to help us identify new board members. The slate for the Nominating Committee is: Erin Freeman, Madhu Kanigicherla; Sherri Sirotzky, Leanne King, and Allison Seddon. Katie Pisocky moved to accept the slate. Christie Johnson seconded. There were no objections, so the motion carried.

**2. Treasurer’s Report (Heather Kimmel)**

1. Budget reports are available. The biggest item to discuss is the auction. Kristen Chandler reported when all is said and done we will bring in about $50K this year (a net of $50K). We made 30K last year. Heather noted there are still some credit card purchases that will come in tonight and the budget report will be revised to show that. Heather extended a huge thank you extended to Kristen.
2. Restaurant Night at Pucinella made about 3K. That was awesome. Heather extended a hearty thank you to Laura Sachwitz.
3. Heather extended a thank you to all attendees for shopping with Amazon and Shutterfly. Those monies have been coming in steadily and really help us.

**3. General VP (Allison Seddon)**

1. Sunghee Chon and Allison have been working on migrating the website from its old format. The main link to the PTA website from the Haycock website wasn’t working, but is up and running now. The main goal is to simply the website so it will be easier to update content.

**4.** **Vice President of Social Events (Laura Sachwitz)**

1. Heritage Night was a great success this past Friday. Big thank you to Kanae Whitlock and Nicole Yakatan
2. Auction was quite successful! Huge thank you to Kristen and volunteers!
3. The next social event is the Fun Run on May 16th and that will be at Longfellow Middle School. Look for details in the Hotsheet.

**5. VP of Curriculum Enhancement**  **(Tara Tanner can’t be here, so the update came from Karen Leiser)**

1. Junior Achievement training is on March 26th
2. There is an author visit on March 27th.
3. Brain show is on June 8th. Dr. Sheers noted that on June 8th, we will have a second grader serving as “Principal for the Day.”
4. Karen discussed After School Activities. The big question is whether there will there be after school activities next year. The renovation is, so far, ahead of schedule, and we will have access to the school before and after or school in the fall. So the next question is . . . if we have ASA, who is going to organize it. We need an ASA coordinator. A parent asked what types of activities are usually included in ASA. Ranges for grade levels—art, soccer, basketball, mad science, yoga, drama, chess and Lego robots are examples. Basically ASA is a class after (or before) school for an hour. There is a fee associated with participating and the PTA tacks on a charge. It brings in $3-5K for the PTA each year. The ASA coordinator position involves helping organize the program and completing paperwork for the county. It is a good job for a working parent because it’s a lot of communication (i.e. email and phone calls) and you don’t really have to be at the school to run the program.

**6**. **VP of Fundraising (Christie Johnson)**

1. Heather touched on a lot regarding fundraising. We did bring in $6200 for Pennies for the Playground. Mrs. Cole still has a bucket in her classroom where she is collecting change, so you can still can bring it in. Restaurant Night at Pucinella was awesome. On May 4th at Café Rio there will be another one, but this one is good all day (i.e., not just for dinner). We’ll have Quattro de Mayo instead of Cinco de Mayo. It is located next to Target and Chick Filet on Rt. 50.
2. We do have a volunteer who is going to organize school supplies. Usually around June 1st until middle of July, parents can order the supply boxes. We got $1600 just from people ordering supplies. A parent indicated how wonderful it is to receive the boxes and not have to go to Staples.
3. We need a VP of fundraising next year! Talk to the nominating committee if you’re interested!!

**7. VP of Community Affairs (Victoria Lippincott)**

1. April is Autism Awareness Month. Events will be chaired by Christie Johnson, Katie Pisocky, and Kara LiCalsi.
2. April 15th is the next PTA meeting and Janie Strauss, our school board member, will be here. Victoria encourages people to attend the meeting. We will ask her about the modular. She had previously indicated she would start a rezoning process (which would allow us to keep the modular) during the renovation, but she hasn’t. The modular is going to be taken away and we will ask her about that. The main purpose of her visit will be to talk about the budget.
3. We have a Cougar’s Care Committee which needs a chairperson. Coat Drives, Stop Hunger Now are examples of work that we’ve done in the past. Please see nominating Committee and VP of Community Affairs and VP of Social if you are interested in that position.

**8. Minutes**

Karen Leiser asked for a motion to approve the minutes from November. Debbie Calsen so moved. Victoria Lippincott seconded. All were in favor. No objections, so the motion carried.

**9. Principal’s Report (Dr. Sheers)**

1. Principal’s Coffee was this morning, so a lot of this information will be available in her notes.
2. Dr. Sheers noted the entire wing (to the right of the main office) which includes 2nd grade, Art and Mrs. Bosworth will be moving into our brand new wing on Friday April 10th. Also moving are our two enhanced autism classrooms. The first grade will move a week after that, and they are going into the old kindergarten classrooms which will, at that point, have been renovated. The new cafeteria—is going slower than we had hoped. They will turn that over to us at some point this year, but not during spring break. The new cafeteria will have two lines, more tables, and will hopefully have shorter wait times. The current cafeteria space is challenging both for size and sound.
3. In the summer the construction crew will be taking our modular and the quads on our baseball diamond. The will be leaving us two quads.
4. There are a lot of renovation based school/art projects: A tile project has been started. The projects are different by grade level, but they will all be part of a whole. We are going to be working with an artist in residence. 6th graders will be creating a larger clay mural. Dr. Sheers’ father built a time capsule and that will be brought over spring break and will be installed over the summer.
5. We have a construction crew, i.e., a group of 6th graders who interview the construction guys, and then it goes on the news show. They are learning about all things construction, machines, etc. The kids see what is going on and then get a behind the scenes tour.
6. Erica and Kelly have been working on inventorying every item in the school and deciding what they will be ordering. They then work on prices—there is lots of negotiating. This is challenging since construction is so far ahead of schedule. We were going to do this in phases—now they’re doing it over the summer.
7. Parent asked about the FAA field next to Haycock—were there talks to get the use of it? Dr. Sheers says that is a great question for Janie Strauss.
8. In kindergarten they have more storage and built-ins. There are particular specifications for different grades, for example, K-2 must have bathrooms within their classroom.
9. Teachers will move again over the summer. Dr. Sheers foresees a grade level outside in the quads after completion of renovation. Maybe 3rd, 4th or 5th grade. She does her best to keep grade levels together.
10. Parent asked if losing the modular is a done deal. Yes—because of zoning and parking.
11. Parent asked if there is going to be a modification of the kiss and ride. Yes. That is supposed to happen over the summer. VDOT issue. There will be a loop around before you exit, and it will alter where the stairs are on the side of the building.
12. Bell schedule. In 11 hours you’ll get a KIT. 5 minutes is added to the school day.
13. Is SAAC affected by renovation? Nope. It will be back where it was before.
14. Snow Days? Any feedback? Dr. Garza recognized that there were some challenges to the decisions made this year. It is a very hard job to decide whether to cancel school, and Dr. Sheers is happy it’s not her decision to make.
15. Our school-wide field trip this year is to Wolf Trap. It will be a low stress—enjoy nature type of a day. Kids will take walks. There is a larger 3 mile hike for older kids. Chaperones will have different packets (trees leaves, birds). Low key. Enjoy nature and then come to large field area, we might play football. Picnic. School wide photo. Dr. Sheers envisions a time to enjoy our community and being together.
16. Level of stress is getting higher at elementary level. Ms. Shannon was a teacher at Haycock and has returned as an assistant principal. She he has noticed an upward shift in the level of stress in our students and a feeling among parents that our students have to be the highest performing. Most important thing to remember—give your kids an opportunity to play.
17. Date change—Principals coffee is on May 22nd at 9:30 in the cafeteria.

Whereupon, at 8:15 pm, Karen Leiser asked for Motion to Adjourn. Victoria Lippincott so moved, Katie Pisocky seconded, and there were no objections.

**Amy Kales**

**Recording Secretary**