

## HILLANDALE PTA GENERAL MEETING

October 19, 2010, 7:00 PM

I. CALL TO ORDER. Shelley Turkington called the meeting to order at 7:05pm in the Hillandale Elementary School gymnasium. Welcome to all!

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES from 9/14/10 General Meeting. Shelley Turkington declared the minutes approved as posted.

Shelley mentioned that all in attendance should sign up for the Book Fair raffle.

III. HIKE FOR HILLANDALE REPORT AND PRIZE ANNOUNCEMENTS- Julie Reo thanked all who participated in the hike on October 1<sup>st</sup>. It was a beautiful day. Thanks to all the teachers and parents for getting excited about the hike and sponsoring his/her kids. Julie recognized all the hike winners (see below). Jennifer and Justin Egan were thanked for providing free kids meals from Chik-fil-A on Hillsborough Road.

Top Individual Prize winners:

Evan Hexter  
Jackson family  
Tanner Reo  
Bridget Fox  
Bryan Hinson  
Collin Deese  
Drew Fox  
Malachi Evans  
Jack Strobel  
Maddie Strobel  
Nigel Moore  
Katie Leonard  
Mary Walters  
Luke Winnie  
Jacy Chapmon  
Gisella Rosa

Top classroom winners this year include:

Mrs. Sommers, Ms. Brinkley, Ms. Bryan, Ms. Shaw, Ms. Marriott, Ms. Gill, and Ms. Roberts. All classrooms brought in over \$500. Well done!

The hike fundraiser brought in over \$10,000 this year. This money will go towards teacher honorariums, field trips, and sound equipment.

IV. REFLECTIONS- Jeannette Brossart stated that Reflections is a 40 year old art program. Jeannette said she would like to make sure that all kids have a chance to turn an art project in for the Reflections competition. The theme this year is "Together we can."

The Nasher Museum of Art donated all the art supplies (paper, paints, crayons, collages) for tonight's event. Art Museum employees would like to come to the final meeting to offer a free talk.

Entry forms are available during the meeting if artwork is completed. The children were dismissed to the cafeteria for fall fun activities. Shelley thanked Jeannette and Linda Walters for helping organize the kid's activities. Riverside Honor Students and several Brogden Middle School students were on hand to help supervise.

V. TREASURER'S REPORT- Jeanne Dellinger stated that the PTA closed out a savings account at Sun Trust and put all funds into a checking account. Our current bank balance is \$15,912.28.

#### VI. TEAM REPORTS:

Hillandale Holiday Shopping Spree- Annie Harrison spoke about the First Annual PTA shopping spree. She mentioned it is a great way for home based businesses to come in and offer services to the Hillandale community. We are hoping for food vendors to be present during the event, which is Tuesday Nov 30<sup>th</sup> from 3:30 – 7:30. We are hoping for childcare help (ideas include movies, popcorn in the media center) so parents can come and browse. Annie asked for volunteers for the event.

Reading Buddies Program- Lynette Coyne stated that Hillandale has a long reading volunteer program history. The PTA realized there isn't enough staff help to keep the program running so the PTA will do its best to provide assistance to the students with reading needs. Donna James is the ally at the school. To all volunteers, it is a great way to read to kids that can't be read to at home.

Harris Teeter Linking- Linda Alling continues to link grocery cards. She said that all participants need to re-link each fall. At this time, 52 people are linked to Food Lion, an unknown number at Kroger, and Harris Teeter has 96 families linked. We have already earned \$69 at Harris Teeter. Linda mentioned that 100 participants at Harris Teeter allows the school to be in the running for an excellence award. The prize is \$1000 to teachers and \$1000 Hillandale. Ten schools are awarded this year.

Box Tops- Cherese Meadows said that the first box top bundling will be November 1<sup>st</sup>.

VII. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT- Sandi Bates thanked all of the parents for continual supports. We all should realize that our teachers are working hard with the limited budget provided. If parents have concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Principal Bates. Principal Bates also recognized that during these tough times, it's because of everyone's collective effort that we can keep Hillandale healthy and in great shape.

Shelley Turkington followed this statement with the following, "A crew is only as good as its leader." We have a spectacular staff at Hillandale Elementary.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS - none

IX. NEW BUSINESS - none

X. ANNOUNCEMENTS

October 20- PLC Early Release Day

October 18-22- Book Fair

November 1- Teacher Workday

November 1- Dining for Dollars Night at El Rincon

November 2- PTA Board Meeting

November 11- Veteran's Day holiday

November 24-26 Thanksgiving Break

November 30- Holiday Shopping Spree

Book Fair drawing winners are Samuel Turkington (child) and Nancy Pickrell (adult)

XI. ADJOURNMENT. Shelley adjourned the meeting at approximately 7:50pm. The PTA is bundling Box Tops this evening.