

Hartland High School PAC Meeting Minutes – November 1, 2011

Those in attendance were, Chuck Hughes, Cathleen Haglund, Tim Dilworth, Jamie Nicholson, Sue Aberasturi, Debbie Albert, Doni Dilworth, Christina Hawkins, Lorrie Cabush, Laurie Cothran, Christina Monson and Johanna Breece

Motion to approve minutes: Tim Approved and second by Jamie.

Financial Report: Currently, \$7,258.82 in PAC checking account. Paid \$20.00 to State of Michigan for PAC Fee. Paid \$141.28 to Gordons for Candy Kisses to distribute to students. Also, \$600 to Ore Creek for Challenge Day.

New Business: Cathleen Haglund, Spanish Lang. Teacher has request for \$175.00 for the Mentoring Students Breakfast Club. Club for Kids who have school/behavior issues. They get together throughout the year to talk about issues and ways to solve them. This program has helped many students in past as they have contacted her from college to tell her so. Students have also praised this program on their exit survey's. Tim approved the \$175.00 and Deb. Albert second.

Directories - volunteers in place to run copies on November 7 at 3:00. They will be distributed on November 10 and 11th at conferences. Sue has volunteers in place for distributing them. Also, Teacher Conference Dinner all set. Deb will order food and shop for items needed. Sue has set up volunteers in place to assist Deb and Sue from set-up through cleanup. Sue has desserts donated as well as 4 soups to go with sandwiches.

Starting in December PAC meetings will begin at 7:30 am with PAC agenda items. The special topic presentation beginning at 8 am. Any unfinished PAC agenda items will take place after the special topic.

Discussion - Allowing high school parents to observe dances from the track area/balcony. It would require a shift in security location to the track area in order to allow parents in the building. Mr. Hughes will review the logistics/time frame and report back at the next meeting.

Discussion was held to implement a call to membership form for parents to identify any concerns or topics.

Administrative: Mr. Pumford has moved to acting principal at Creekside.

Special Topic: Grades and Testing – Determining the value of a GPA and form of testing are used. Mr. Hughes presented an explanation of the grading system. The teacher's class syllabus identifies the grading system for student classes. The high school handbook identifies the general grading system which can be found on the high school website www.hartlandhighschool.us. Advanced Placement class use a weighted grading system and students may benefit college scholarship dollars depending on the college. ACT college ready identified 31% of students were college ready in all four subject areas. Testing out of a class provides a pass or fail grade and does not impact the student's overall GPA. Tests for freshman: MEAP Social Studies in the fall, ACT Explorer Test in the spring. Test for sophomores: Planned Test. Tests for juniors: ACT and MME in the spring, PSAT in the fall–National Merit College Scholarship Money. Parents must sign up for and pay for the PSAT. The PSAT is held on a Saturday.

Parent Outreach: Discuss ways to keep parents informed of PAC opportunities.

Old Business: Table the Kroger Reward program until more information is available. Sweetest Day had a great turnout with parent volunteers. Utilize the ListServ for parent information. **District Parent**

Advisory Committee (DPAC): Tim Dilworth shared details of the meeting topic budget. New legislation in Lansing to privatize teachers. Want to remove caps on charter schools. Previous legislation reallocated money from K-12 to higher education. Teachers pay 20% of their health insurance. Teachers have had less than 1% average raise for the past 8 years. Teacher:student ratio is supposed to be 1:150; it has been negotiated to 1:175 to save costs and allow teachers to keep prep time. Custodial services have been privatized. Bus drivers are under contract with LESA with no benefits. Information is available at <http://www.hartlandschools.us/index.html>. Proposal A info.

<http://senate.michigan.gov/sfa/Publications/JointRep/FINPROPA/95COMP.HTML>. Need to determine the next DPAC meeting date for high school representation.

Next PAC Meeting December 6th Special Topic – Mary Day, 12 Components of K-12 Student Assistance Program. Presentation will begin at 8 am with 20 minutes from Mary Day followed by 10 minutes of questions.

Submitted by Debbie Albert & Sue Aberasturi