

Harry Stone Montessori Academy

General PTA Meeting

Tuesday, September 11, 2012

1. Meeting called to order at 6:32 by Paul Beaty
2. Please contact Paul with any questions: 214-849-3521.
3. Motion made to approve May minutes. Motion carries.
4. Ms. Lisa Curry, Principal – Asked to get names of anyone that needs to be added to the PTA listserv. Staff is working on getting HVAC system fixed to lower temperatures in classrooms. Staff is appreciative of children at Harry Stone. Introduction of Ms. Jones, new assistant vice principal. Theme for the year introduced: Excellence out of this world – unleashing the genius in every child. School has expanded mission statement to include IB mission. Destination 2020 on DISD website. Core beliefs for H.S. will be posted on PTA website. IB update: core group of teachers attended training in Austin this summer. Training will be in January for all teachers and interested parents. Thanks for water donations, we may need more. Also asking for fan donations. Bond project: phase 2 – repair curb damage, repair roof on media center, repair ceiling, install exhaust fan in cafeteria, modify security gates, etc. starts 9/24 afterhours. Security cameras being installed. Parents are welcome to take shifts monitoring cameras. Calendar updates: Sept 21 early release at 12:15. Teachers engaged in staff development. Elementary Fair day and elementary conference day will be observed. Thursday folder: idea was suggested to go paperless and communicate via email. Idea is still being discussed. Logo: this school has never had a logo. A logo will be coming soon – by last Friday in October. Looking forward to what PTA board will do for our school. Licurry@dallasisd.org or 214-558-0686 (cell).
5. Sheila Williams , Counselor- distributed newsletter. Asked parents to complete needs assessment form and return to her. Parent Portal: consent and release of liability form given. Training will be available by request. Passwords from last year will be the same. Some teachers are having issues with grade speed. Please be patient. Grades entered Monday am by 8:00. Bullying: all staff has been trained. Students encouraged to report any bullying immediately. Please talk to your children about bullying.
6. Jamie McDaniel, TAG coordinator – Every week TAG children are pulled out for 2 hours for service. Child must be nominated by parent through Oct. 15 for 1-3 children. 4<sup>th</sup> and above will be nominated in Spring due to testing. Classes suspended Oct. 15. Results will be given by Oct 29. Flyer going home in Thursday folder.
7. Andrea Chaney – get to know you. Distributed questionnaire to get to know other parents.
8. Treasurer Report – Beginning balance \$8500.27. Expecting to spend \$9690 and receive \$9690. Motion to approve budget. Motion carries.
9. New Business – no lockers for middle school students. There are no plans to repair the lockers.
10. Meeting adjourned at 7:25.