

Alexander Hamilton Middle School PTO
Executive Board Meeting Minutes
August 11, 2009

The August 11, 2009. Executive Board Meeting of the Hamilton PTO was called to order by President Nancy Luthy at 6:30 p.m.

A quorum was present and certified.

The June, 2009 Executive Board minutes were approved as read.

Marc Daniel, Treasurer, presented the budget update and a preliminary budget. The reports were approved. He indicated the courtyard and front concrete work were completed and paid for. Kroger share card information has been received and will go on the web site. Cards will be included with first-of-school information packets.

Marc Daniel reported funds have been received for the Tamara Taylor fund. The Secretary, Carrie McLarty, will write letters acknowledging receipt of donations.

Irene Nava reported campus improvements have been made in the form of the courtyard structure and the front sidewalks. Drainage still needs to be addressed and a bid has been requested. Pursuant to Mr. Bunnell, school funds will be available to help with this. Regarding the back walkway, a decision needs to be as to whether to fill it in or add more crushed granite. Mr. Bunnell indicated something needs to be done regarding flooding at the front of the school. Irene Nava indicated mulching and landscaping is an ongoing project, and that the field needs work. She will speak with Mr. Paladino about what needs to be done.

Jane Ann Roberts presented the Cherrydale fundraiser update. The fundraiser will kick off on Friday, September 4, 2009, with two introductory sessions. Orders will be picked up September 15 – 18, and products will come in the week of October 19, 2009. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st-day orders turned in. Volunteers are need for counting and distribution.

The ice cream social will be held on Thursday, August 20, 2009 from 1:00 to 2:00.

\$50 will be distributed to each new teacher. There are 10 new teachers this year. The Secretary will prepare welcome cards to go with the money.

Teacher grant schedules will be presented at the August 21, 2009 teacher lunch. It will be explained that there is a deadline for submitting receipts to ensure the funds have been used for students in a timely manner.

Jennifer Ostlind, Vice President in charge of Membership, announced plans for this year's membership drive. Some memberships have already been sold at the 6th grade orientation. Teachers will be signed up at the ice cream social. The membership drive

will continue through September 18, 2009, and prizes will be awarded in the form of teacher gift certificates, free dress days and, possibly, after school ice cream.

The board adopted a strategic plan for the school year, as follows:

- More parent involvement with an emphasis on diversity and communications.
- Increased recruitment efforts for the school.
- 90th anniversary celebration support.
- Establishing peer leadership as a focus for the Tamara Taylor fund.
- Supporting the school's recycling program.
- Supporting enrichment programs, including keyboarding instruction.

The board determined the Tamara Taylor fund would best be served by addressing peer leadership issues rather than by individual funding requests. Specifically, it agreed funds should not be provided, as requested, by an incoming 6th grade student to attend a conference.

Mr. Bunnell reported the locker installation is being completed and that work on the auditorium continues.

The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Carrie McLarty
Secretary