

City Honors PTSCO

November 15, 2007

Meeting called to order at 6:40pm

Minutes of last meeting reviewed and approved.

Treasury Report: Susan Koepfel

Report covers October 18 through Nov. 14, 2007. Beginning balance was \$39,314.43. As of Nov. 18, the ending balance is \$30,485.52, with the amount available for disbursements being \$9,174.50.

Finance Committee: Ralph Proulx

The committee approved: purchase of 50 copies of the book "Girl with the Pearl Earring" for the Studio in Art classes; \$300 for uniforms for the middle school Soccer Club 5th and 6th graders; 10th grade fundraiser to purchase a Sabres jersey (to be reimbursed); \$250 for the women's Soccer banquet; Unity Day expenses for 9th graders.

Site Based Management Team: Debbie Keresztes

The SOS Tutoring program for this school year has begun. A study skills program will begin. Info will be available in January. A Big Brother/Big Sister program has been organized/planned for the year. This year a research based writing component in ELA and Social Studies is to be developed. Debbie has done a great job with SBMT and will be stepping down as her last daughter graduates in 2008. Sandy Heaney will be taking over the Chairmanship.

School Business: Dr. William Kresse

Our Speaker Series welcomed its second speaker, Scot Fisher, who discussed saving the Asbury Church, now known as Babeville.

Good news: the School Board has lifted the travel ban for most international travel. CHS has been invited to represent the U.S. at the International Youth Summit in Taiwan the first week of December. This is all paid for and Mrs. Banas and three students will go. Swing School preparations are coming along. A large public meeting will be held, most likely in early January, regarding the renovations and reconstruction. At the swing schools there will be some additional space and some larger classrooms. Hopefully there will be some positive aspects during this period.

Princeton Review will offer the SAT Review Course again next spring to all 11th graders. "Children of Eden" is the student musical this weekend.

Senior Becca Bass wrote and received a Bezos Family Foundation grant for \$1000 to establish an annual Lucille Clifton Poetry Festival.

Parent Conferences will take place Nov. 29th from 6 – 8pm.

Training in Internet Safety will take place for faculty and parents this spring.

There were some problems discovered with lead in some of the Buffalo schools. Letters were sent home. Testing was done and faucets and plumbing was adjusted. At CHS we only had a couple of small areas affected which aren't used by students.

CHS/FMP Foundation: Linda Foley

As of this date, the Foundation has contributed over \$590,000 to CHS programs, teachers, students, and building. The City Honors Alumni Assoc. and the Fosdick Masten Park Alumni Assoc. have formally partnered under the umbrella of the newly named City Honors Fosdick-Masten Park Foundation. This will aid in fundraising and communication efforts and help alumni stay connected to the school. Grant applications were submitted which would benefit the school newspaper and the Autistic Program participants. The Mary Kiefer Memorial Fund was established with donations made after her passing. These may benefit the IB Program, as Mary was an integral part of IB. Approvals were given to fund Soccer Team and Cross Country Team expenses, as well as the 9th grade Unity Day expenses and the IB MYP and Diploma Program training.

District Parent Coordinating Council: Barbara Robertson

A presentation on drugs, gangs and bullying will take place on Dec. 18th at Makowski School from 6:30-8:00pm. The Police Department and the new chief of security for schools will be there. All are invited.

Other:

The 5th & 6th grade Ice Cream Social was successful and festive.

Senior Breakfast was held for Seniors and families, with good college information and great food prepared by the Junior parents.

CHS has been nominated for the musical Kenny Awards again!

Please stay informed about the No Child Left Behind Act which is up for reauthorization.

Next meeting: December 20, 2007 at 6:30pm

Minutes submitted by Linda Foley

