

New Hanover Township School  
PTO Meeting Minutes  
August 12, 2015

Attendance: Christi Ford, Carli Haas, Nicole Martin, Cathryn Schaffer, Cindy Pawlyzyn, Jackie Edwards, Alexis Kennedy, Jen Heisler, Michelle Hacker, Lisa Roohr  
Christel Beck, Lynn Johnson, Rebecca Gastelum, Robin Chao, Ms. Fernandes

**Old Business:**

- ❖ Treasurer's Report
  - Checking \$3810.89
  - Savings \$10,087.76
- ❖ White board skins
  - The cost of the white boards was split with the Board Of Education

**New Business:**

- ❖ Insurance Renewal
  - The cost for this year policy is approximately \$100 for the 2015-16 school year
- ❖ Boo Hoo Breakfast- September 3 @ 9am
  - Set up for the first day of school for all parents guardians and care givers of all Pre-K and Kindergarten students
  - Refreshments will be served. Danish water fruit, we agreed on spending \$100
- ❖ Back to School Gifts for Students and Staff
  - Agreed on \$350 spending limit
  - Students gifts will consist of paw print theme
  - Bags to be labeled for the students, From the New Hanover PTO
- ❖ Back to School Night- September 16<sup>th</sup>
  - Setting up a possible proceeds night at Yordana's for dinner
  - There will be a table set up to sell spirit wear and a PTO sign up table
- ❖ Shoprite for Education- Cathryn Schaffer
  - Cathryn will be looking into this program for our school
- ❖ Box Tops- Lisa Roohr
  - Lisa Roohr has decided to collect and count box tops for the 2015-16 school year
  - First collect is set for October 9<sup>th</sup>
  - Prizes set are spirit wear for individual students and an ice cream party for the winning class
- ❖ Touch a Truck/Trunk or Treat- Carli Haas Co-Chair Jen Heisler
  - We have decided to combine these to events and to be called Truck or Treat
  - The date is set for October 24<sup>th</sup> 1pm- 4pm
  - We are in the process of looking for a location to hold this event
  - Parents will also be able to decorate cars and hand out candy
  - Robin Chao will be looking into getting some military vehicles, Carli will be researching Pinky Linky and also an ice cream truck for this event
  - Advertise- school flyer and home mailers

- ❖ Middle School Dance- Michelle Hacker
  - Welcome Back is set for September 25<sup>th</sup> 7-9:30pm
  - Halloween Dance tentative date of October 30<sup>th</sup>
  - We are no longer charging for school dances
  - Waiting on approval from administration
- ❖ Spirit Wear- Jackie Edwards
  - We are looking into getting a new logo
- ❖ Basket Bonanza- Cathryn Schaffer
  - Waiting for the final school calendar to be able to set the date
- ❖ Fun Run- Lynn Johnson, Co-Chair Robin Chao
  - Date is tentatively set for May 15<sup>th</sup>
  - Looking into making it more of a carnival and fundraiser for the school
  - Water slides, bounce houses, ice cream truck/kona ice truck, dunk tank
  - Pie eating contests, pie in the face
- ❖ Christmas Shop- Jen Heisler Co-Chair Tara Seigel
  - We are looking into an alternative rather than doing the normal Christmas shop
  - Making ornaments or a holiday craft for the kids to make and bring home were a few ideas
- ❖ Assemblies- Carli Haas
- ❖ Cultural Festival- Ms. Fernandes Co-Chair Rebecca Gastelum and Carli Haas
  - Open to the school for students to learn about different cultures
  - For a committee of teachers and parents to help run the event
  - Could have companies come and perform for the kids, or if the children have talents they would like to share
  - Thinking of holding this event in February
- ❖ Book Exchanges- Jen Heisler Co-Chair Tara Seigel
  - Jen will be contacting Mr. Larkin for approved dates

**Activity Nights:**

It was decided to have 1 activity night a quarter

- ❖ Lego Night – October 1<sup>st</sup>
  - Robin Chao Rebecca Gastelum and Nicole Martin will be running this activity
- ❖ Science Activity Night – Mrs. Peterla, Lynn Johnson and Carli Haas
- ❖ Family Game Night

**Fundraising-** Cathryn Schaffer

- ❖ Savings Cards (September)
- ❖ Christmas 50/50 \$5 a ticket (November)
- ❖ Kidsartinc.com (January)
- ❖ Movie Night – set up for spring or fall \$2 for tickets and sell snacks
- ❖ Candy Sale (February)
- ❖ Mother's Day Bulb Sale (March)
- ❖ Little House Candles
- ❖ David's Cookies

**School Projects:**

Playground  
Baseball Field  
Track  
Score board for Soccer Field  
Banners for Gym  
Outdoor Teaching Space  
Gaga Pit  
Sound System- Mr. John is doing equipment research  
Suggestions?

**Classroom Projects:**

Rutgers Bus  
Project funding for classes

**Meeting Schedule:** September 8, October 7, November 2, December 1  
January 6, February 4, March 7, April 5, May 4 and June 2

Two meetings are held one at 3:30 for staff and parents and another at 7pm

**Bylaws:**

A few revisions have been made to the bylaws for this coming year.