

HIGHTOWER TRAIL MIDDLE SCHOOL  
SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING, 03/01/13

The meeting was called to order at 7:50am.

Those in attendance: Paula Hunt, Chris Hill, Donna Holland, Susan Keese, Steve Budow, Kirstin Baillie, Donna Flood, Catherine Hackney, Laura Montgomery, and Terri Rittenberg

**PE UNIFORMS**

LM met with PE teachers. Many of the shorts were too short, but could be worn with sliders. PE department doesn't really want uniforms, they changed their minds. They do want an opportunity to stock correct attire in the Husky Hut. Shorts will be ordered for girls.

We need to talk with the Foundation and connect with what they are doing as far as a package. Prefer to stock shorts only. Need to decide on a very small or no profit for the shorts.

Common Core

Looking for resources, Social Studies, CRCT Prep book, Math book is \$10. Looking for Common Core Math book for students to purchase for \$7.00. Instructional Budget pays for teacher's books.

Math and Science books are higher than Social Studies and Vocabulary books.

8<sup>th</sup> grade has a vocab book for 2012-2013. Would like to bring it down for 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grades as well.

By the time the parents pay for these other workbooks, they will be paying approximately \$30. LM is not comfortable asking parents to buy PE uniforms as well.

School Dress Code is tabled until next year's school council. Moved by Donna and seconded by Chris. Motion passes.

**MEETING AT DODGEN**

General meeting then break-outs by school. The administration can not tell anyone how to vote, just provide information and encourage voting. People need to remember and remind voters that they are voting on money being spent on the physical buildings, not on technology.

Discussion as to how to get the information and word out. Website, newsletters, neighborhood websites and discussion boards. Foundation did not approve a mail-out. LM can do a call-out. It will go out on the Sunday prior to the Tuesday vote.

The online East Cobber featured the side against Ed-Splost, but the printed paper had both sides of the story. East Cobb Patch is a place to go for advertising.

Some neighborhoods represented: East Spring Lake, Lost Forest, Clary Lakes, Plantation North, Chimney Springs, Coventry Green, Edgewater Cove, Carriage Park, Carriage Lake, Mountain Creek, etc.

A sign may be put out in carpool line to remind parents to vote. Possibly a banner with a countdown.

Things needed: HTMS could use more cameras, three per grade level. LM would like to upgrade security. Need the new roof, huge hole near offices. There is “gunk” and water now coming in when there is a heavy rain.

### BRICK PROJECT

Home Depot came out to look at the area and assess where the best place to put the new patio. It was decided that it would be best to put it by the amphitheater, not outside the 8<sup>th</sup> grade hall. There is an Eagle Scout who will be moving an existing project to make room for the new patio. SPLOST3 will buy picnic tables. LM will talk to Splost rep regarding getting this money. Bricks will likely be sold for \$30, \$20 is cost for engraved and others are \$1. They will be sold up (PHS) and down (Tritt, Murdock, Mountain View, Shallowford Falls). Tie this to Night of the Arts—kick off the Brick Project.

### NEW BUSINESS

Elections will be coming up. Elections in May, two weeks for applications then balloting. In April we will take care of this so that ballots will go out in May. We must have a minimum of 7 School Council members. Do we go bigger or smaller? Discussion of pros and cons for having more or less people.

The ballots will be out at Night of the Arts.

Next School Council Meeting on March 29 at 7:45am.

Meeting adjourned at 9:20am.