

MINUTES

The Hilliard Darby PTO met on Thursday, April 15, 2010 at the Hilliard Darby Media Center, Hilliard, Ohio. President Karen Norval called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

Members Present: *Officers:* PTO President Karen Norval, President-elect Jodi Ransom, Secretary Laurie Nelson
Members: Cathy Daniel

Members Absent: *Officers:* Treasurer Debbie Lomax.

Staff Absent: Assistant Principal Dawn Sayre

Guests Present: *Staff:* Bonnie Holycross – Family Consumer Science and Cindy Large – Special Education Department
Students: Allison French, Mentorship Program I and Erin Luzader, Mentorship Program II

President Karen Norval welcomed everyone to the meeting. Appropriate introductions were made.

Assistant Principal's Report - Dawn Sayre

No report .

Cindy Large – Special Education Department

Ms. Large started the meeting by presenting a slide show of the Work Study Program. There are currently 145 students enrolled in the program at Darby and 25 students enrolled at Tolles Career and Technical Center. There are eight intervention specialists. The program focuses on four core areas of studies. The program teaches ninth, tenth, and eleventh grade classes. There has been much progression with the program this year.

There are 75 students in the Work Study Program at Darby. Responsibilities include office aide, kitchen helper, sweeping floors, and some students do work through the Community Work Study coordinated by Christine Welch. Project Search is another program for those students not attending college. This program helps the students obtain a job. Amy White performs weekly independent counseling, and statistics show that discipline incidents have decreased.

The department received a copier, scanner, digital printer, and other items last year through the Apples to Apples Program. This year it plans to purchase a flip video recorder.

Bonnie Holycross – Career Mentorship Program (Family Science Department)

Ms. Holycross distributed a flyer regarding the Career Mentorship Program. This program is designed to prepare students to be successful in the 21st century workplace by building partnerships among families, students, community, and school. Students meet for a double-blocked period every day for five weeks to prepare for an on-site career exploration. Once mentoring, students meet one day each week for a seminar and are released early to attend their mentorship site. The students complete several career exploration activities to help them decide on future career interests and a possible college major. Students are paired with a mentor in a career field and complete 50 hours of on-site experience. Students analyze and interpret career experiences and keep a weekly journal that their mentor signs. A final portfolio is created describing their mentoring experience and can be used in future job, scholarship, and college interviews. Students make a final professional presentation to their mentor and parents sharing what they learned from their mentorship experience. Students must provide their own transportation.

President's Report – Karen Norval

The School Nurse, Mary Hamm, is still in need of juice boxes and cracker donations for the students. If you are able to donate, please drop the items off at the main office labeled School Nurse. Any donations are appreciated.

Please remember the PTO's "clearinghouse" for used clothing and shoes. If you have any old clothing or shoes you would like to donate, the PTO would greatly appreciate your contributions. Just drop them off at the main office and indicate it is for the PTO "clearinghouse."

If you are interested in recycling your gently used tablecloths, please consider donating it to the PTO. We can use long, square, or round -- in cloth or plastic - and in any color or pattern! Please drop your donations off at the main office.

Secretary's Report – Laurie Nelson

No report. Cathy Daniel moved to accept the minutes as corrected. Jodi Ransom seconded it. Motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Norval for Debbie Lomax

There has not been much activity since the last meeting other than a donation to the Outreach Fund. The liability insurance bond was paid and a hospitality expense. The PTO will pay the \$125.00 donation to the Hilliard Education Foundation this week.

Cathy Daniel made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report. Jodi Ransom seconded. Motion carried.

Committee Reports

Outreach – Cathy Daniel

On March 31, 2010, Cathy met with the staff at Darby to introduce the Outreach Fund. To access the donation forms, go to the PTO website at www.hilliarddarbypto.com. Click on the Outreach Fund.

As Cathy has a senior in school this year, we are looking for volunteers to make a commitment to take over Cathy's role in the Outreach Fund. If you are interested or want more information, please contact Cathy Daniel at cdaniel5689@sbcglobal.net.

Hospitality – Joni Carle

No report.

Cookie Day – Jodi Ransom

Cookie Day was great! It is a great tradition. The kids love them! Thank you to all of the parents who were so generous in volunteering their time and for baking those wonderful cookies.

Cookie Day is the second Wednesday of each month, including May. Anyone willing to volunteer their time passing out cookies and/or baking cookies is always welcome.

Adjournment: Cathy Daniel made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jodi Ransom seconded it. Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie A. Nelson
PTO Secretary