**School Governance Committee**

**High Horizons Magnet School**

**January 13, 2016**

**5:00**

**Members in attendance:** Mrs. Carbone, Mrs. Naber, Mr. Grantham,. Ms. Gill, Mrs. Harding, Mrs. E. Greene, Mrs. Thomas, Mrs. Aronstam

**Members absent:** Mrs. J. Greene, Ms. Brown, Mrs. Gay, Mr. Carbone

**New Business**

**-Approval of November’s minutes**

**- Poetry for Peace:** 6 High Horizons student’s poems were accepted by Poetry for

Peace. They will be participating in a reading event at Fairfield University on

1/29.

**-PSAT:** Over 30% of 8th graders made benchmark on this assessment, which is significantly higher than the assessment given last year.

**-STEM:** 4 fifth graders have been chosen to participate in the STEM program, which is an afterschool enrichment program held at the Discovery Museum.

**-Breakfast with Santa:** This event took place in December. The response was positive and the event was a great success.

**-Science Fair:** Will take place on Friday 1/15. Students will set up on Thursday. Ms. Gill will check with Mrs. Scott-Thiam to see if 5-6 grade students can visit the Science Fair on Thursday.

**-Literacy Night:** After last year’s success, there will be another Literacy Night scheduled on 1/21. Staff have been asked for suggestions/feedback.

**McTeacher’s Night:** There will be a school fundraiser at McDonald’s on North Avenue on 2/19. HH teachers will work behind the counter from 5-8, with 10% of the proceeds going to HHMS. Students and their families are being encouraged to attend.

**-Project Morry:** PM is a camp program available to Bridgeport students. Children are selected in 4th or 5th grade and remain with PM until they complete high school. PM offers camp activities, character education, and support throughout the school year. 1 student per school is chosen each year.

**-PBIS Event:** The second PBIS event will take place in the gym on 2/25. Mrs. Carbone is looking into hiring a DJ. The staff will work on planning additional activities all to be held in the gym. Mrs. Carbone has some funding, and there can be some fundraising. There will be 2 “sessions”; K-4 and 5, 7, 8. 6th grade will have a separate event due to their behavior at December’s block party. Students have begun earning PAWS for this event.

**School Climate Survey:** Mrs. Carbone shared the results of the School Climate Survey at today’s staff meeting. Students felt positively about learning, and mostly felt that teachers had high expectations of them. There were lower scores regarding their feelings at school, and many felt that their teachers and peers did not value their opinions. Some do not feel safe at school. Mrs. Carbone reiterated the value of the RULER program, and that full implementation is essential to improve students’ emotionally wellbeing in school.

**Old Business**

**New Parent Members:** 2 parents were recruited and came for December’s meeting, which ended up getting cancelled. Mrs. Aronstam will check with the PAC president to see if they’re still available.

**PAWS:** The PAWS program has been initiated and students seem motivated to earn PAWS for positive behavior. Discussed ways to prevent trading and theft of PAWS.

**PBIS December Event:** The 6-8th grade block party did not go smoothly. There was insufficient planning and supervision in some areas. Many 6th graders were out of control and will therefore not be able to attend a dance/block party until further notice.

**3rd Grade Recycling:** The 3rd grade recycling program is going well and raising money for class activities.

**Playground:**  The playground renovation is still under consideration. Grants have been submitted by the district to cover the cost, as well as 4 other HHMS improvements.

**Spirit Wear:** The spirit wear was highly successful.

**Next SGC meeting February 10, 2016**

**Meeting adjourned @ 5:50 pm**