**Friends of Cutler Meeting Minutes: 10/22/14 - at 7:30 p.m.**

Attendees: Board Members, Jennifer Clifford, approx. 25-30 parents

Guest Speaker - Dr. Michael Harvey, Superintendent HWRSD

* **Sarah Olson** made introductions to the over 25 parents present at the meeting; she also announced our official new Mascot, the Cardinal!; Lynne Nardella still needs hand me downs especially bigger kids clothes;
* We are actively looking for members to plan the Adult social & most especially help find a venue ASAP!
* Sarah presented a request for “New Barred Instruments” for the Music Program this was a request for $200 over the $500 already budgeted to purchase new instruments. The vote was unanimously approved.
* **Jenn Clifford** gave an update on the lock down procedure that took place, the kids all did a great job; Math assessments are underway currently
* **Kathleen O’Connor** presented the minutes from the last meeting which were voted upon and unanimously approved
* **Ken Swanson** presented the budget with some amendments: the adult social income was increased by $5000 and the expenses were also increased by $3000 which more accurately reflects what was done in an auction year two years ago; a second amendment was proposed to increase the Cultural Enrichment budget by $2000. Both amendments were voted upon and approved.
* **Sarah Dinsmore** provided an update on The Ski Skate Board and Ride; room parent notices with information on helping the flyer campaign went out, new car magnets went out this week, ads were placed in the Chronicle, on Facebook, yard signs are going up
* **Pat Krysiak** gave an update on Cultural Enrichment; Impov Boston vcame to the school on 10/22 and pit on a great inspiring program; next week is the Big Read – The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind
* **Amy Howell** gave an update on the Free Money opportunities; the first deadline for boxtops is 11/1; we need to get Amazon word out to families for the holidays
* **Rana Bonfa** gave an update on the Fund Drive; the goal is to raise $5000, so far we have raised approx. $1000, we are hoping to maximize participation – no donation is too small, Rana explained the idea of putting family names of those who donated on stars that will hang in the gallery or somewhere else in the school
* **Martha Hale Farrell** gave an update on Apparel; introducing the new “Cardinal” line of items soon, we are moving to a new vendor Hytensity Apparel that is online and will prevent us from having to keep huge inventories of items because they can print items on demand
* Next Friends meeting is Friday 11/14/14 at 9:30 am; Christina Fichera, Cutler’s math coordinator will be our guest speaker
* The meeting was adjourned and Dr Harvey presented his vision for the district and all in attendance participated in a “visualizing the HW graduate” activity.

*Minutes respectfully submitted by Kathleen O’Connor, Secretary*