

# **Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, October 10, 2024*

*6:30 PM*

*Indian Head Library*



## **+ Approval of September 2024 Meeting Minutes**

- Alison D. motioned to approve
- Kaity C. seconded

## **+ Board's Welcome & Business**

- Virtual PTO meetings – discussed that the Board would be open to having a virtual option for PTO meetings if anyone would like to supply equipment. One member has a laptop and indicated she could be willing to set it up. There was a discussion about voting and whether bylaws require voting to be in person.
- Outdoor classroom plans update – the PTO Board is discussing permits with South Shore Tech and they will scope it out.
- CORI reminder – reminder to volunteers to check with the school that their CORI is not expired. Noted a CORI is not needed for Monster Mash volunteering.
- K t-shirt distribution – the shirts have been ordered and should arrive at the end of next week. They will be sorted by classroom.
- Storage of PTO items currently on the stage – asked whether we can have a tall cabinet on the stage to store items that we always use. Also discussed that we need a lock for the school store cabinet. The PTO will donate some items on the stage to the holiday shop and senior center. The Monster Mash items will be gone after the dance. Mr. Tranter and Ms. Costa were not opposed to a PTO cabinet if it fits. They were going to look into whether there was an empty one we could use.
- Book vending machine request – discussed whether the PTO should use its Scholastic Dollars to purchase a book vending machine through Scholastic. Although the teachers would like a book vending machine, the PTO noted that we would not have enough Scholastic Dollars left over for teacher books, if we were to use it on the book vending machine. Ms. Costa noted she would not want to use all the Scholastic Dollars up. She will look into the last request submitted in May and what it costs to purchase. She also looked at what Conley has. Others noted they have seen other pricing for it. Also we should find out if the machine comes preloaded with books in any of these options. Discussed uses for the machine, which could be for birthdays, incentives for kindness, etc.
- Bob Bethoney karate special – he is offering a PTO special for his karate studio where all profits will go back to the PTO. The special is running through November.

## **+ Principals' Update**

- Things are going well and the kids are fun. Principal Tranter sent the first newsletter in October, and has received a lot of good feedback. It will be sent on the first of every month.
- Principal Tranter is looking into an online school gear store for things like tshirts. He mentioned items can be ordered for Christmas and will be delivered to the school for pick

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up. He would like to get the site up by the end of October and have a deadline around Thanksgiving.

- The Fun Run starts tomorrow and the kids will run on October 23. The schedule is not final yet. However, 4<sup>th</sup> grade will run first, then 3<sup>rd</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>, and then 1<sup>st</sup>/K will run last. Boosterthon attended their staff meeting. Parents may view it if it's outside. National Honor Society will help out and the kids will get a lanyard when it kicks off tomorrow.
- Some high school kids will be coming in November to teach the students money lessons. It will be held in some classrooms.
- The electric sign out front is working but the building connection isn't working. Facilities is working on that.
- WIN is starting for K-4 and is based on Diagnostics. The kids will get to work with new teachers and this starts Tuesday.
- Retake of picture day is October 18. Parents should let the teacher know.
- Asked that we be patient with buses and transportation and there have been some substitutes who aren't as familiar with the routes.

## **✚ Treasurer's Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations**

- See report
- Noted we need the bill for the Cricut and we will reimburse Technology.

## **✚ Post Event Review**

- Hanson Day (Tina Arsenault) – held September 28 11-2. Said it went well and the PTO handed out trinkets from our PTO closet as prizes.

## **✚ Upcoming Events / Fundraisers – voting requests to follow**

- School store – starts in October. This is for grades 1-4 and can spend \$1.00 max.
- Fun Run – theme is “Castle Quest.” Kick off October 11<sup>th</sup>. Fun Run event on October 23<sup>rd</sup>. Fundraising goal is for student enrichment. We already have \$1700 in Fun Run pledges.
- Also mentioned that the PTO has the white textile bin out front for textile recycling and the PTO receives the money for that.
- Monster Mash Dance (Chairperson: Tina Arsenault) – October 25 from 6:30-8:00 at Indian Head. Current students only. The invite was sent out. The activities will include face painting, a scavenger hunt, games outside. The committee is putting together a database of vendors. The outside blacktop will be used and a food truck will be selling donuts for cash or credit card. There will be STEM activities in the cafeteria and a DJ in the gym with games. Attendees can bring a food item to donate to the food pantry. We are still in need of parent volunteers for the night.

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- Book Fair (Chairperson: Andrea Cipolla) – held the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> during library periods. Please sign up to help as cashier, bagger, or student helper at Sign Up Genius. A letter will be sent through SchoolStatus with all the information.

## **+ Voting Requests (\$328.97) – ALL ITEMS PASSED**

- Adjustment Counselor Tricia Campea and School Psychologist Joan Joyce – social emotional supplies and tools for all grades - \$128.97
- PTO – donation to Hanson holiday fest fireworks - \$200

## **+ School Committee Rep Update**

- Maria could not make it to the meeting. No update provided.

## **+ Future Events/Fundraisers (to be discussed at future meetings)**

- Toy Box toy store fundraiser (Kristen Ernest) – November 20<sup>th</sup>. The PTO will receive a portion of sales made on this date when PTO is mentioned.
- Holiday shop – Chair: Kaity Crowley. We are using Reindeer Lane as the vendor. They provide all items and then we send back what doesn't sell. Flyers will be sent home. Kaity is expecting the items to be delivered to the school in late November. She will ask how much area will be needed for the boxes. All items are priced \$0.25-\$13 but she can restock the cheaper items. We will also need to use a tablet or phone as the register and their app. It will be held during library time and we can give out vouchers for kids who need it.
- Polar Plunge – discussed whether we need to hold it this year because participation is down. We decided to brainstorm other ideas instead for winter fundraising, such as ice skating.
- Raise Right – discussed using this gift card program again where PTO gets a portion of the gift card sale. Decided to table it until the next meeting. Last year we raised \$160.

## **+ Chairperson/Committee/Volunteer Opportunities**

- School Committee Rep (Maria Robbins)
- School Store Coordinator Erica Burke and volunteers: grade 1-4 once per month, 2 days per week
- Book Fair volunteers
- Holiday Shop Chairperson and volunteers (Kaity Crowley and Tiffany Taber)
- Polar Plunge Committee and volunteers
- Sweetheart Dance Chairperson and volunteers
- Teacher Appreciation week volunteers
- Box Tops leader
- Various other volunteer opportunities at events and fundraisers throughout the year

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- + Events/Other Business**
- + Open Discussion/Questions**
- + Next meeting: November 14 at 6:30 pm**