

# **Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, September 12, 2024*

*7:30 PM*

*Indian Head Library*



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

- Beth D. motioned to approve
- Alison D. seconded

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

- Outdoor classroom plans update – received committee interest over the summer. Chris Peffley will chair the committee and he works as a project manager. Erica Burke is interested and anyone else can sign up. Next step is the footings. Cape Cod Lumber will give discounts and donations. Then we can work on landscaping. The goal was the fall/winter. The PTO will share plans again on Facebook. The plans were developed by the teachers and students, and the location of the outdoor classroom will be behind the playground at the end of the pathway.
- PTO positions up for election in May – all of us are up for election in May. Two members, Andrea and Tina, will not be running for reelection.
- Scholastic Dollar balance \$7,037 after the May book fair
  - New book fair chair needed – Andrea stepping down from Board after the spring so a new person to run the book fair is needed and Andrea can help them this year
  - Fall book fair 10/28-11/1 – during the kids' library time
- Fun Run updates and discussion of incentives
  - 50 state challenge incentive – Ms. Costa noted this prize will be a surprise if we reach this goal and she will tell Boosterthon
  - 80% registration incentive – the incentive for this goal will be school pj day
  - Financial goal incentive - Ms. Costa noted this prize will be a surprise if we reach this goal and she will tell Boosterthon
- Start time of future PTO meetings – we decided on a new start time for PTO meetings going forward of 6:30pm. We will post this on Facebook.
- School store sign up rotations – for grades 1-4. It is offered two days a week on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Erica does a SignUp Genius and sends instructions to volunteers. She will change it this year so parents can volunteer for 1-2 months in advance only to allow other parents to help out their child's classroom. It will start in October and volunteers need a CORI on file.
- CORI reminder – needed for any volunteering during school hours
- K t-shirt order forms – due by September 20<sup>th</sup> – the form is on the PTO website's calendar for 9/20
- K teachers have been given packets for each child who was unable to attend the Kindergarten social. Book for newly enrolled students too.

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## **+ Principals' Update**

- Principal Tranter introduced himself and his background. He said that he is enjoying getting to know the teachers and students.

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

- See report

## **+ Post Event Review**

- K night was August 22 – feedback was it was successful and highly attended. The slushies were a hit. Discussed maybe in the future we could see if the school could be opened for bathrooms, or if we can rent a port-a-potty. Also, the trash was overflowing and we needed trash bags. Noted for next year. Also discussed having a start time of 5:00 so parents who work can get there.
- Teacher welcome lunch was August 27 – we received good feedback from the teachers that they enjoyed the lunch provided by the PTO.

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

- Hanson Day (Tina Arsenault) – September 28th 11-2. Table with token giveaways. Sign Up Genius to volunteer at table. Will be held at Indian Head.
- K shirt distribution – Beth will drop the tshirts at Indian Head when they come in.
- School store – starts in October
- 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. Noted parents can usually view it outside if the weather is good.
- Monster Mash Dance (Chairperson needed) – possible date October 18 or 25. Lasts 1.5
- hours. Advance registration via Google Form. Decided on October 25. Committee members are needed.
- Book Fair (Chairperson: Andrea Cipolla) – the week of October 28<sup>th</sup> during library periods. Discussed how the Monster Mash will be the 25<sup>th</sup> and that’s when the library is set up for book fair. Noted that the Monster Mash can’t have activities in the library for that reason.

## **+ Voting Requests (\$5,576.68) – ALL ITEMS PASSED**

- Grade 4 – Friday “soft start” activities such as games, puzzles, or crafts (Amazon) - \$725
- Nurse Jen Calogero – extra boys and girls underwear and a dresser for storage (Amazon) - \$215.33
- Grade 3 Mrs. DeProse – 4 stools, washable rug and pencil dispenser (Amazon) - \$248.35
- PTO - purchase of students' Fun Run tshirts through Boosterthon - \$2,688
- PTO - Monster Mash Dance budget - \$1,000

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- PTO - School supplies for school store - \$300
- PTO – budget for annual cost overruns (such as Amazon price changes), printing and other PTO materials throughout the year- \$400

## **+ School Committee Rep Update**

- Maria noted that she will give the updates going forward
- There are two open positions for School Committee in Whitman

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

- Toy Box toy store fundraiser (Kristen Ernest) – November 20<sup>th</sup>
- Holiday shop
- Polar Plunge
- Bob Bethoney would like to run a karate special for the PTO at Uechi Karate in Hanson.

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

- School Committee Rep
- School Store Coordinator Erica Burke and volunteers
- Monster Mash Chairperson and committee
- Book Fair volunteers
- Holiday Shop Chairperson and volunteers
- 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

## **+ Events/Other Business**

## **+ Open Discussion/Questions**

- We noted that the Facebook PTO page is private and screened on who can look at it.
- Discussed where to store the PTO closet items, as the closet is not available to us anymore. We discussed buying things as needed.
- The holiday shop will be run by Kaity Crowley. We discussed if we need to advance any funds to the holiday shop event before November.
- A question was asked if an order can be placed for a tshirt if their child did not order one in their kindergarten year. (Answer was no because it's really only done in that year.)
- Discussed the grade 4 fun day tshirts and whether we can add a graduating year.

## **+ Next meeting: October 10<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm**