

Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 8, 2024

7:00 PM

Indian Head Library



+ Approval of January 2024 Meeting Minutes

- Meagan M. motioned to approve
- Beth D. seconded

+ Board's Welcome & Business

- Outdoor classroom plans update – the PTO has the plans which were passed around during the meeting. Teachers and students had input. PTO met with the architect, Facilities, Dr. Jocelyn, and Ms. Costa. Will include bench seating inside that's enclosed. Will also include wheelchair seating. Seating design can be easily fixed if there is graffiti. May be able to have South Shore Vo-Tech build it, however they can't build it until the Fall. It will be the most cost effective. Asking Cape Cod Lumber if their engineers can develop a supply list. Cape Code Lumber is also asking if other products can be donated. South Shore Vo-Tech and Cape Code Lumber will provide cost estimate. South Shore Vo-Tech cannot make a profit. Also discussed how in the future we will need to pay for landscaping. Facilities will level out the land.
- Raise Craze fundraiser update – the dates will be March 25-April 5. The theme is kindness. Will do a Facebook poll of what the specific theme wording should be. We set a budget for incentives and supplies (voting later). A bingo card will be developed for the incentive tracking. Can also send teachers a video that week. We are also looking to have a Family Craft Night during Raise Craze.
- Electronic Sign update – we found out who makes the sign and we will get models to choose from. Alison will talk to Bob.
- PTO administrative costs budget for 2023/2024 – to cover items like printing that the PTO needs for our meetings, or to cover price changes after we vote on teacher requests

+ Principals' Update

- One week away from February vacation
- All assessments are done and completed meetings with teachers this week. WIN will begin on February 26.
- Lower performing students will be in smaller groups with the most qualified teachers. Higher performing students are in larger groups. This will last through the end of May.
- Next week there will be student safety training with police and 9-1-1 dispatch. It will cover how to use 9-1-1, why and how. Will be in each classroom with role playing. 2nd and 3rd graders will learn about stranger danger and internet safety and 4th graders will learn about stranger danger and social media.
- Touchview panels (33) have been purchased and will be installed over February break. All promethium board to be replaced except for five. Also an 86 inch one will be in the library.
- Will send out a spring activity calendar with MCAS dates, field trips, etc.

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+ Treasurer's Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations

- See report
- Noted that we paid one of the scholarships. The student sent in their grades from their first semester, which was necessary to get the scholarship.
- Noted that 2023 scholarships we voted on were not in the financial reports. They have been added in now.
- Alison completed the scholarship application and delivered it to the high school.

+ Post Event Review

- Polar Plunge (Alison Dillon) – February 4th - net profit for the polar plunge was \$12,000. 31 plungers. We did not charge teachers the fee this year. The pledges totaled about \$7500. The rest is from sponsors. Walker Clay donated the blankets. A thank you ad was taken out in the WH Express. We will get the photos to share from the photographer.

+ Upcoming Events / Fundraisers – voting requests to follow

- Sweetheart Dance – February 9th – plan is to keep it simple with dancing. DJs will be in cafeteria and the gym. Songs and games will be played. Also two photo booths will be set up. Highway Dept. will light up the crosswalk. All notifications have been sent.
- Raise Craze fundraiser – late March/early April

+ Voting Requests (\$4,771.00) – ALL PASSED

- PTO Board administrative costs budget for PTO for 2023/2024 school year – \$450
- Raise Craze budget - \$2,500
- Grade 3 Meteorologist visit – \$350
- Mrs. DeSantes, Grade 3 – request for easel for classroom and drawer organizer for student work - \$175
- Grade 4 Fun Day at Camp Kiwanee – t-shirts and matching string bags for all of grade 4 - \$1092
- Hanson PTO website renewal fee - \$204

+ School Committee Rep Update – Maria Robbins

- Committee met yesterday
- Superintendent asked for a level budget but a 4% increase due to Covid money reduction
- New business manager approved

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

- Cyber Sense presentation on safe internet practices for kids – will be held at the Hanson Middle School. Joint event with the PTO and other schools. To be held March 14.

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Discussed if we can use the middle school cafeteria after for the PTO meeting. We will advertise both the event and the PTO meeting using School Status.

- Book Fair (Andrea Cipolla) –week of May 20th
- Teacher Appreciation week – to be held in May – Kristin is working on this

+ Chairperson/Committee/Volunteer Opportunities

- School Store Coordinator Erica Burke and volunteers
- Polar Plunge Committee and volunteers
- Sweetheart Dance Chairperson and volunteers
- Book Fair volunteers
- Teacher Appreciation week volunteers
- Box Tops leader Kristin Ernest
- Various other volunteer opportunities at events and fundraisers throughout the year

+ Events/Other Business

+ Open Discussion/Questions

- Discussed re-sending the PTO meeting schedule through school email to get more parents to attend
- Discussed if we can use Scholastic Dollars to give each student in their grade a book. Or could give \$100 in Scholastic Dollars to each teacher as part of Teacher Appreciation week. Noted our balance is above \$7000.
- Asked if we can use Scholastic Dollars to buy the Scholastic magazines. It is not allowed with Scholastic Dollars. Discussed whether all teachers would like this? Noted that the digital version can be interactive.
- Discussed the Brain Show. Vote at the March meeting and look at dates now. Asked the administration to give us some dates in April and PTO will set it up.
- Kate attended the teacher staff meeting this week to see if there are teacher requests of the PTO. Noted we will do a survey of teachers for Teacher Appreciation week ideas.

+ Next meeting: 3/14 @ 7pm Indian Head Library

+ Monthly meetings for 2023/2024 school year – 9/14, 10/12, 11/9, 12/14, 1/11, 2/8, 3/14, 4/4 & 5/9