

Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 13, 2025

6:30 PM

Held over Zoom due to sickness



+ Approval of January 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

+ Board's Welcome & Business

- The meeting was conducted virtually over Zoom because a lot of parents were home with sick kids, and some of the PTO Board was home sick.
- Outdoor classroom plans update - the fencing has been dropped off. The next step is excavation but the ground has been too frozen. It has taken a while as well to get permits. Once excavation happens the temporary fence will be put up. The plan is for the build to happen in the summer and fall but that could get moved up. The fence will remain up until South Shore Vo Tech can come back.
- Gift of Scholastic Dollars to Indian Head teachers. All teachers, paras, and specialists have been allotted up to \$100 to use on the Scholastic catalog to purchase resources for their classrooms, as a gift from the PTO. Staff have through 2/28 to create their wish lists and the PTO will place and deliver the orders.
- Bob Bethoney's Uechi Karate is holding a special where all proceeds are donated to the PTO. They are offering a 6-week program on Tuesday and Thursday nights (60 Monponsett Street, Hanson). The cost for the program is \$69 for the 6-week session - the special will be in place until March 15th. Open to grades K-8. We have been happy to hear families have been taking advantage of this offer. Also we can share it to the Hanson middle school PTO page.
- Board elections for all positions will be held at our May PTO meeting. Email HansonPTO@yahoo.com to add your name to the ballot. Noted that some Board members will not be running again.

+ Principals' Update

- Alison noted that she has the check for the Cricut bundle and will bring it in tomorrow.
- Ms. Costa noted over 100 kids are absent each day due to illnesses. Some teachers have postponed Valentine's day celebrations due to illnesses.
- Discussed the PTO Valentine's day dance. Ms. Costa wanted to bring to our attention that a lot of kids were running everywhere and parents were not watching them. Some kids went outside onto the blacktop. This could be a liability for the PTO and the school. Ms. Costa also made sure all classrooms were locked but when the cleaners came they unlocked some of them, not knowing they were already locked. Teachers reported that some of the things in their classroom were moved. Ms. Costa viewed the security videotape and observed that some students entered classrooms with their parents. Ms. Costa is not able to police all the classrooms. Discussed how areas need to be roped off and maybe manned by a volunteer. Contributing may have been the fact that the second DJ didn't show up, who would have provided entertainment in a second area. There were a couple collisions due to the kids

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running in the halls. The message is, parents need to stay with their kids. Ms. Costa also received some emails from parents that kids were out of control.

- Discussed WIN – starts after February vacation
- For the electronic sign out front, the PTO is welcome to add anything to it. The meetings are already advertised.

+ Treasurer's Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations

- See report
- Discussed that we will get an updated invoice from the DJ for the Valentine's dance. The fee has not been paid yet. The DJ had hired the second DJ to help and the photo booth. She did not put it on her calendar so the second DJ did not come. We are not paying for her.
- Due to the outdoor classroom funds being set aside, available balance for spending is \$37,743.30
- Noted our taxes will be filed for free

+ Post Event Review

- Sweetheart Dance Chairperson (Kate Fisher) and volunteers – held February 7 – discussed above

+ Upcoming Events / Fundraisers – voting requests to follow

- Winter fundraiser to replace Polar Plunge – not discussed
- Raise Craze fundraiser - Tina will begin planning this week. Theme will be around St. Patrick's day/leprechaun. Tina will be looking for help. Also she is planning on the family craft night again and kids can earn 5 acts of kindness there.

+ Voting Requests (\$9,957.43*) – ALL ITEMS PASSED

- Jennifer Calogero (Nurse) – boys underwear for visits to the nurse - \$53.97
- 4th grade - Grade 4 t-shirts & string bags for their end of the year field trip to Camp Kiwanee - \$1,008
- 4th grade – high interest books for classroom reading time and another game for Friday soft starts - \$1,230.20
- Robin White (K) – farmer's market and kitchen range for classroom dramatic play area - \$804.88
- 3rd and 4th grade – treats for grades 3 and 4 for MCAS celebration - \$200
- 3rd grade – meteorologist visit from Danielle Noyes - \$500
- 3rd grade – field trip to Mayflower and Pilgrim Museum and bus cost - \$3,366.09
- Alyssa Serino (PACES classroom) – monthly subscription of Scholastic Let's Find Out publication for the PACES classroom - \$65.89 per month

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- * Voted to pay for this for 5 times (because it's monthly) and we can find out if the amount will be more than that through the end of the school year
- PTO – Raise Craze budget for incentives and supplies - \$2,500
- PTO - DotEasy Domain Name renewal renews annually - \$25.00
- PTO - DotEast Unlimited Website Hosting renews annually - \$203.40

+ School Committee Rep Update

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

- Book Fair volunteers (Chairpersons Andrea Cipolla & Heather O'Neill) – week of May 19th – Heather and another parent volunteer will be heading this up while Andrea is away for work
- Teacher Appreciation week volunteers

+ Chairperson/Committee/Volunteer Opportunities

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

+ Events/Other Business

+ Open Discussion/Questions

- Noted that we could use a volunteer to make PTO meetings also have a virtual option

+ Next meeting: March 13 at 6:30pm