

Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 9, 2023

7:00 PM

Indian Head Library



- ✚ Chevy Back to School Scholarship Check Presentation with Dan Adams, Corporate Fleet Director at McLaughlin Chevrolet in Whitman - \$1,000 check presented to Hanson PTO.
 - Eric Adams, of Hanson Fire, nominated the PTO for the \$1,000 school scholarship. Dan Adams also offered to pay for Mrs. Gonyea's Scholastic magazine subscription for \$150.

- ✚ **Approval of October 2023 Meeting Minutes**
 - Elizabeth M. motioned to approve
 - Jessica K. seconded

- ✚ **Board's Welcome & Business**
 - Outdoor classroom plans update – had a meeting with Steve who has offered to design the plans. The site will be near the current playground. The area will need to be leveled out. The structure will be a circular shape. He is doing the plans at zero cost and should be done with the plans soon. He is reaching out to his contractor contacts to see if they can donate labor.
 - Update on Scholastic Dollars gift to teachers/paras/specialists of \$100 each to order items for their classrooms, as well as \$300 for Mrs. Travers for the library – we have \$7,038 in Scholastic Dollars (after the order). We spent \$2,998 in wish list items for 33 teachers/paras/specialists. They were grateful. Also updated on book fair sales. We had \$9,968 in book sales, and earned \$5,184 in Scholastic Dollars. This exceeded the May sales of \$8,812. We have enough Scholastic Dollars for teacher requests and One School One Book.

- ✚ **Principals' Update**
 - Dr. Jocelyn rode a bike inside the school as part of Fun Run incentives.
 - Did progress reports for WIN blocks. Some students will make up their test next week.
 - There is no WIN on half days.
 - 92.5% of parents participated in parent/teacher conferences. He did not have the % of those virtual vs. in person.
 - For intervention, there are 6-8 kids per group and it is skill based. Dr. Jocelyn presented data to the Superintendent on improvements and was able to get funding. The intervention groups come in at 8am.
 - The school also started a mentoring program. All adults are involved and they have a meeting with their mentee for about 15 minutes a couple times a week. Sometimes they have lunch together. There are also student helpers. It helps the students connect to an adult for support who is not their teacher. 50 adults participate. That is going to start the first week of December.

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- The dates for the winter and spring concerts are being compiled.
- There will be a fire safety day 11/15 and will have presentations by grade.
- In December, Officer Harrington will do a stranger danger and social media presentation.

✚ Treasurer's Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations

See report

Tina explained that we received \$33,000 in Fun Run donations and \$1800 in corporate donations if collected.

Raise Craze and Fun Run were done to raise money for an outdoor classroom.

Tina explained the statement ending balance and the uncleared transactions to show our register balance is \$17,571 which does not include Fun Run money yet.

✚ Post Event Review

- Monster Mash (Tina Arsenault) – received positive feedback. Thought the DJ was a little loud for the cafeteria. Also the donations to the food pantry were generous.
- Book Fair (Andrea Cipolla) – provided above under Board Business
- Fun Run (Kate Fisher) – should discuss the next date for 2024. Also noted the National Honor Society volunteers were great.

✚ Upcoming Events / Fundraisers – voting requests to follow

- Hanson Holiday Fest (Tina Arsenault) – December 2nd. PTO is signed up for a table. Tina and Melissa Valachovic.
- Holiday Shop (Elizabeth McKinnon) – Elizabeth has placed all orders for items and has half the inventory at her house. Will deliver to the school on December 4. The shop will be December 11-15 at the library. One kindergarten class has to do 9:30am. She will set up on December 8th after school. She will send a Sign Up Genius. She needs a co-chair because this is her last year.
- Toy Box store promotion for Cyber Monday, November 27. The Toy Box provided a video and flyer for 20% back to PTO (Kristen Ernest) – make sure to mention the Hanson PTO to get the credit back to PTO. We can post the promo on Facebook.
- Holiday gift card fundraiser (Alison Dillon) – portion of gift card sales will go back to the PTO. This will also be promoted this week.
- CyberSense Presentation (Kate Fisher) – this is geared toward parents on how kids use the computer. Officer Harrington will do a presentation to parents on a separate night from the regular PTO meeting. It could also be at the middle school.
- Polar Plunge (Alison Dillon) – February 4th - looking to hold both the plunge and the after party at Camp Kiwanee.

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+ Voting Requests (\$4,733.43) - PASSED

- Grade 2 teachers – Balloons over Broadway parent showcase, event on November 20. Electric air pumps and balloons - \$89.90
- Ms. Gonyea (grade 2) for 21 classroom Scholastic magazine subscriptions – \$150
- Ice cream party for whole school if we hit Boosterthon \$30,000 goal - \$500 (to be held during lunch)
- PTO Banner - \$150 – will have new QR codes, website, Instagram pages
- Hanson Holiday Fest candy/craft - \$200
- EL Tutor Karen Pelton (K-4) – 7 stools and wobble stools for new classroom for small group work - \$210.83 - adjusted to \$240.83 because price went up
- Polar Plunge - \$2,000
- Mrs. Woodward's grade 4 class – Sports Illustrated graphic novels, and comfortable seating options (kick bands, wobble cushions, and soft floor cushion) - \$192.93
- Grade K – new classroom rugs (6x9) - \$1,239.77 – Beth mentioned she might have a contact who could get these cheaper

+ School Committee Rep Update

- No update this month.

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

- Polar Plunge
- Sweetheart Dance
- Book Fair (Andrea Cipolla) – the next one is the week of May 20th

+ Chairperson/Committee/Volunteer Opportunities

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

+ Events/Other Business

+ Open Discussion/Questions

+ Next meeting: 12/14 @ 7pm Indian Head Library

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✚ **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**