

# **Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes**

*Thursday, January 9, 2025*

*6:30 PM*

*Indian Head Library*



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

- Beth D. motioned to approve
- Heather O. seconded

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

- Outdoor classroom plans update – plans are in motion. The fence was being put up for safety before the digging begins.
- Scholastic Dollars balance (\$11,283.90) and request by PTO Board to allow teachers to purchase classroom needs with Scholastic Dollars. There are roughly 60 teachers/specialists/paras and each would be allowed to purchase up to \$100 in classroom items/books.
- PTO can fund any fun extras, such as the Brain Show, Extreme Science, etc. Ms. Costa can coordinate dates with us.
- PTO has been selected as a nonprofit partner in the Shaw's GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag Program. \$1 donation for each \$3.00 GIVE BACK WHERE IT COUNTS Reusable Bag sold during the month of January 2025 at Shaw's in Hanson.

## **+ Principals' Update**

- Currently working on math and ELA grouping for power blocks.
- The goal is for every grade to have a field trip, but each grade needs to have a substitute nurse on the field trip as well as every grade has a medically complex child that needs a nurse on site. (Kaity Crowley has tried to get on the list of substitute nurses but said it was a process and didn't make it onto the list. Ms. Costa advised her to try again as they are in need.)
- No further questions were asked.

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

- See report
- Alison noted that the available balance as of today 1/9 was not correct on the report as we are waiting for one check to clear from Reindeer Lane. Available balance for voting requests as of meeting was \$41,000. No questions on treasurers' report.

## **+ Post Event Review**

- Discussed the holiday shop and using Reindeer Lane. Members at the meeting agreed that it would be a good idea to use them again. They offered another 5% back if we booked them again. Kaity and Tiffany were going to be in touch with reindeer lane to book.

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

- Sweetheart Dance Chairperson and volunteers. Need to create a Sign Up Genius and set the date. Possibly do 2/7, if that is not available possibly a Thursday night instead 2/13 (Kate

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is reaching out to Jan Hurstak for usage). Questioning If we need two DJs or if one would work and set up a speaker with phone playing a playlist in the cafeteria or have karaoke. Questioning raising the budget to \$1200 if we were going to go with two DJs again. If there were no dates available because of basketball using the gym most nights of the week, discussed if we could possibly have a spring fling in April instead. Members liked that back up idea.

- Winter fundraiser to replace Polar Plunge - Cupid shuffle was mentioned
- Raise Craze fundraiser - members felt it went well with a few issues we could avoid by doing more group/ classroom based incentives instead of individual “things” for prizes. Possible timing maybe one of the first two weeks of April.

## **+ Voting Requests (\$3356.17) – ALL ITEMS PASSED**

- PTO – Sweetheart Dance budget – \$1,000
  - Amended the budget to \$1,200
- Grade 2 (Mrs. Gonyea) – classroom rug replacement – \$665.66
- Grade K (Mrs. Ziniti) – wooden unit blocks and farmer’s market for dramatic play area - \$840.51
- PTO - Dollars for Scholars scholarships - Two that are \$300 each and one for \$250 - \$850

## **+ School Committee Rep Update**

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

## **+ 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
- Book Fair volunteers (Andrea Cipolla)
- Holiday Shop Chairperson and volunteers (Kaitly Crowley and Tiffany Taber)
- Winter fundraiser 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**

## **+ Next meeting: February 13 at 6:30pm**