



**PTO Board Meeting
Cafeteria
January 20, 2023**

In Attendance:

Jessica Lawrence, Karla Avery, Kellee Murphy, Greta Crowley, Kari Lewis, Emily Faucette, Kate Wright, Alison Carlson, Laura Weekly, Mindy Schwartz, Stacey Carlsen, Danielle Miller

Excused Absences:

None

Unexcused Absences:

None

Prior meeting minutes from the November PTO Meeting unanimously approved by the Board

Jessica Lawrence - President's Update

- Book Fair Recap / Update
 - Want to transfer ownership back to Media Center, to be more consistent with other schools
 - Made \$5k in Scholastic Dollars – Have more funds from previous book fairs that need to be spent
 - Spring Book Fair – Propose to cancel since takes a lot of resources and other events/activities are at that time. Will let committee know. Recommendation to go to one in the future, in the fall since we now have Fun Run in the spring.
- New Donut Chair – Mary Jane Brent
- Funding for Musical – Ms. Sinoyiannis asked for \$750-\$1k to purchase props, t-shirts, supplies for the production. Jessica created a “HPE PTO Club & Activities Grant Request” form. Unanimous approval for spending up to \$1.5k – will add to budget going forward.
- Playground Investment
 - Fulton County has approved our site plan!
 - Price has increased since our last meeting – need to build a second playscape since some of the ADA access equipment we needed is no longer being manufactured.
 - Equipment we wanted is no longer on sale
 - Installation pushed back to 9/4, but could start sooner
 - \$61k (previously \$52k) – *Discussions around general budget, current spending and future budgets/spending*
 - Unanimous approval for \$62k playground investment

Principal's Update

- Music Program Update
 - Ms. Sinoyiannis will become Music Teacher in '23/'24!!
- iReady – Reading looks good, action plans in place for Math



- Kids that were struggling at start of year have improved their scores!
- Enrollment for next year
 - Have class counts/teachers for fall
 - There are still moving parts
- Retention for '23/'24
 - Only 4 teachers so far say they're not returning, no transfers. These 4 are moving or retiring.
- Good turnout at Digital Safety Meeting – considering having this annually
- Fred Blankenship – doing pep rally next week!
- IB Reauthorization next week – 3 days, teachers/admin/group students will be interviewed from IB on standards, classroom visits/observations
- Next year, Ms. Kidder will go part time – IB Coordinator, will get a replacement from Lake Forrest

Laura Weekly – Staff Hospitality

- Staff Holiday Party Recap
 - Taco Mac - was very well attended/received – 10 more staff than last year
- Stock the Lounge
 - The whole school community was very generous – teachers are really enjoying the treats
- Teacher Appreciation Week (Co-chairs: Renee + Sheree) – Feb 13-17
 - (Will start looking for volunteers soon to help Hospitality Team)
 - Monday: Massages – 10 min each, 4 massage chairs, cucumber water
 - Tuesday: Breakfast for Valentine's Day
 - Wednesday: Family Appreciation + Video
 - Thursday: Pizza Truck Lunch – Buon Fornello
 - Friday: PTO gift – journals with phone pocket

Emily Faucette – Community Events

Upcoming Events

- Ice Skating Night – Jan 20 4:30-6:30
- Bingo Night (Kate)
 - Lots of prizes have already been purchased/donated
 - All presale – families will get envelopes with tickets and sheets at door
 - Food will be served through the concession stand line
 - Raffle – scooter, hoverboard, etc.
- Sky Zone Night - Mar 3



Greta Crowley - Fundraising

Fundraising Update

- **Fun Run (Jessica)**
 - \$30,000 goal
 - Cara Roxland- chair, Kira & Mary Jane- committee
 - March 22 Pep Rally, March 31 Run
 - Snow cone and popcorn parties for top 3 classes
 - Dr. Miller will get water-ballooned if we meet our goal, in front of whole school – top class in each grade will get to throw the balloons
 - Shirts to be designed/ordered by end of January
- **Parent Party**
 - Saturday, May 6th at El Azteca (Perimeter) – former Uncle Julio's
 - \$55-\$60 Ticket Price (still WIP)
 - Venue will donate queso and waive all taxes
 - Taco Bar, 2 drink tickets, non-alcoholic drinks included?
 - Send Save the Date 6 weeks in advance
 - Possible babysitters – offer services
 - Auction - Would like to ask for HPE community support for sourcing items

Kellee Murphy – Treasurer's Report

- Passed out copies of Treasurer's Report to Board for review
- Spending/budget was covered in discussions regarding Playground spend

Meeting was adjourned at 9:35: *Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Karla Avery, Secretary*