



**PTO Board Meeting
Cafeteria
November 11, 2022**

In Attendance:

Jessica Lawrence, Karla Avery, Kellee Murphy, Greta Crowley, Kari Lewis, Emily Faucette, Kate Wright

Excused Absences: Alison Carlson, Laura Weekly, Mindy Schwartz, Stacey Carlsen, Danielle Miller

Unexcused Absences:

None

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

Greta Crowley - Fundraising

Fundraising Update:

High Hopes Recap - Raised over \$44k!!

- Final Buddy visits this weekend/has been hard to coordinate with sport commitments
- Matches still coming through and will continue until early '23

Upcoming Events

- Fun Run - Looking for a chair :) – Have some candidates in mind, discussed responsibilities of this position. Fun Run fundraising recognition is not done by individual student - we recognize by team/class rather than individual students, despite what has been done in the past.
- Parent Party - Targeting May 5th, but that is Cinco de Mayo so might be hard to secure a space if not at someone's house. Might consider other dates.
- Spending: What are our big spending goals this year? Playground? In classroom, etc.?
 - Playground – Fulton Co. strict about what we can/cannot add
 - No swings, spinny things
 - Rope Climbers are an option – obtained quote on 2 rope climbers: @ \$52k (includes equipment and installation)
 - Vote to continue to pursue approval so that we can get in line to obtain equipment hopefully by the start of next school year – Motion to approve / Unanimously approved by the Board

Laura Weekly – Staff Hospitality

- Bus Driver Appreciation Week (led by Karla) -- thoughtful touches, great committee participation, appreciative drivers
- Staff Holiday Party –12/13, 3-5:00 timeframe (led by Laura + Renee) -- Taco Mac patio, floral centerpiece giveaways, staff gifts + personal touches



Emily Faucette – Community Events

- Ice Skating Night – Tentatively Jan 20 4:30-6:30
- Bingo – Feb 3, Doors at 4:30, event from 5-7:00, will serve food out of cafeteria. Working on prizes – 250 people max in cafeteria. Presale only – will cap out at 250.
 - Open to HPE students and families. Everyone must have a ticket and no sales at the door. Volunteers will be counted in the 250.
 - \$5 for 10 Bingo cards and entry. \$10 (same as previous) but includes hotdog plate. \$15 (same as prior) but is for BBQ plate with 2 sides.
- Sky Zone – Tentatively Mar 3 (they charge us by the hour, people can choose to stay and jump longer) 6:00-7:00

Kellee Murphy – Treasurer’s Report

- Costume Dance was a success - \$4.2k current 5th Grade balance (from dance and donut sales)
- Fall Festival - \$2.6k profit, still waiting on custodian invoice/payment
- Membership goal met!!!

Jessica Lawrence - President’s Update

- Music Program – Dr. Miller has found a candidate but working out details. Everything to move forward per normal (Holiday Sing-Along, Musical, etc.). Possibly looking at long term music sub.
- STEAM Day – Next Friday, Mad Scientist coming back (this year, PTO paid for 100% of cost) – will be geared for each grade level – if parents want to volunteer, reach out to their teacher. Spots are limited.
- Book Fair Dec 1-9. Ms. Clark will send out emails for volunteers – will focus on younger grades since they need more assistance. Spots added for Book Fair Committee. Parents can come in and shop during certain hours.
- Grade Level/Team budgets – Most teams are not near spending their budget. PTO was approached by ESOL to make purchases over budget. Kari will work with this team to identify their needs and to see if we can utilize supplies that HPE has already received from SS Education Force. The PTO has already planned to give more monies to the grade levels in January – Presidents to decide budget to present to Board for approval at a future meeting.
- Snacks in classroom – Classrooms that do not have the parent support do not have snacks and some kids are choosing snacks at school instead of what their families send in with them. Some classes trade snacks for Dojo points. Families are feeling overwhelmed with all the requests. Kari will discuss with the grade levels and the PTO will discuss again at a future meeting.
- Coffee with the principal scheduled for 12/7, 8-9:00. Keurig will be brought in and will have light snacks.



- Donut Chair – Have 5 more scheduled. Considering getting different people to volunteer at each one since we do not have a chairperson in place. One parent has volunteered to be the chairperson for '23-'24 and we are hoping they could start their term early.

Future Leadership possibilities:

- PTO is working to identify future leaders - how can we keep people interested and involved for future school years. How can we continue to break the roles down to make the positions less stressful, more manageable? Ensure that we continue to look ahead to identify future leaders.
- Future positions coming open for next school year – Fundraising Director (recommended be a co-position), Hospitality Director (possible), Landscaping (possible)

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 : *Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Karla Avery, Secretary*