

**Wyland Elementary School PTO General Meeting
September 22, 2020**

Meeting Minutes & Financial Review

- Meeting minutes from the June 2020 meeting were requested for approval. They will be sent to the President for review.
- Financials were reviewed and will be voted on at a later date due to need to address 3 things. These are: 1. Adjustment to balance from 24,202.24 to 24,080.59, 2. There are 2 outstanding checks (#3997 of \$81.69 to HTSD on 6/20/18 and #4098 \$136.95 to Ms. Magdic on 4/1/19), 3. Mrs. Burd requested \$150.35 for 1st and 2nd grade boxes (there is a \$300 budget for this).
 - The budget will be at a loss for the year due to the lack of fundraisers such as Pasta Dinner and Basket Auction. Thankfully we also did not spend money in many areas due to not being in school. David made adjustments to many areas due to not having a need to spend money in these areas.
 - Unused field trip money is restricted as it “follows” each grade level. The fifth grade money paid for t-shirts for them and the remainder will roll into the general fund.
 - Point made about decrease in the Science Olympiad budget could impact shirt purchases if we return to regular school schedule in the spring. Treasurer made aware of this.

Key Communicator Report

Highlights include:

- There is a very large grant for the middle school.
- 1st graders will switch out laptops for iPads but there is no specific date at this time.
- If you have computer/iPad issues, use the help desk number.
- IT is aware that they didn't send out a form for device insurance this year. Everyone is covered at this time. When this ends, people will be made aware of the change. The link to tech support is on the Week @Wyland.
- HTSD is offering free breakfast and lunch to all students. No end date for this yet.
- Meetings are monthly. Michelle Solkovy, Colleen Turcsanyi, and Jen Retsch are our representatives.

Principal's Report - Dr. Tocci

- Find the good. Dr. Tocci asked everyone to look at what we can do instead of what we can't do right now.
- Promote school spirit for the HAEE race. She will encourage students/families to sign up.
- The current health and safety plan for volunteers remains the same at this time. No volunteers are allowed in the classroom.
- Little Free Library being donated to the school from the Pike family.

Committee Reports:

- **Yearbook (Rebecca Robertson and Kristen Elk)** –No signed contract yet with Balfour. Will look different this year. Ideas include using a google folder, teachers taking

pictures, build a collection online, for 5th grade maybe using 3 favorite memories from Wyland in the book.

- **Breakfast events** – Grandparents and Dad breakfasts are postponed.
- **Ice Cream Social** - postponed
- **Talbot Tailgate/Honorary Talbot Contest-** postponed to Spring?
- **Secret Holiday Shop-**postponed to Spring? But looking for ideas- do an online auction with the basket items from the Pasta dinner, open up to the community?, use teacher time as a prize
- **Wymart-**currently postponed due to volunteer issue but possible idea of a “Wymart Cart”
- **School Pictures Hybrid/HOA** – October 26 for POD A and October 29 for POD B. finalizing day for HOA.
- **Homeroom Coordinator (Nikole Schutzman)**– still planning to use these, they will help plan what the teachers do for halloween party and get the supplies,
- **Spirit wear** – Amy Hilston is putting the sale online, \$ goes to PTO paypal account, working on “shipping issue”, Amy will deliver some items. Only about \$1/ item is made.
- **Student Directory (Chris Flaherty)-** working to make sure HOA is included, go the paper way unless it can work getting information from families online. Possbily using A to Z online?
- **Odyssey of the Mind (Colleen Turcsanyi)-**Continue moving forward virtually, Wyland teams have moved past States. Activities are a blend of virutal and in person. Pasquale’s fundraiser in the week at wyland for Monday 9/28/20.
- **Book Fair (Melinda Barbiaux)-** Totally Online from 10/30/20 to 11/12/20. No cash option, trying to do a teacher wishlist.
- **#BetheKindKid shirts-** do this in early october after spirit wear sale? Parents are asking for shirts.
- **Kid Stuff Books (Michelle Solkovy)-** do online sale, 40% of profit comes back. There is a credit card fee. Shipping is free. The book can be seen online for review. The sale is open through the end of the year. Can be advertised now and later for a holiday gift. There is an app for the book to use.
- **Other fundraising ideas-** Susan Baida asked if there is a fundraising committee/ Passive ideas for fundraising include: Bruesters/Pasquale’s/other local restaurants

Hybrid/HOA Feedback:

HAMPTON ONLINE ACADEMY:

- HOA layered 2 things: improved elementary work and added teachers.
- Concerns expressed about actual learning, parents are being expected to be teachers.
- Mrs. Fitzpatrick has been an asset to the program.
- Comments about having to print work, still no workbooks, sending in pictures of completed work.
- Content is confusing.
- Numerous technical issues, when parents reach out to IT they get no reply even after several messages sent.
- No security on devices.
- Low engagement with teachers, middle and high school has minimal to no support.
- Workload for more than one student in a household is virutally impossible to fit into one day.

HYBRID:

- 0 incidents at Wyland with COVID.
- Families are sharing where they are going on vacation without trouble.
- Positive comments received about Zoom classes with teachers.
- Positive comments for teachers and their hard work.
- Bus drivers are doing well with maintaining distance and keeping kids safe.

Meeting adjourned at 9:13 pm

Next Meeting: October 20, 2020 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.