

## **HKIMS PTO MEETING (In person and Google Meet) December 1, 2021**

Meeting was called to order by Karen Castelli @ 7:01pm

**Members in attendance:** PTO Board Karen Castelli (President), Jen Savoy (Treasurer), Jen Voegtli (Secretary), Eric Larson (Principal, IS), Dolores Bates (Principal, MS), Lisa Carlson, Michelle Ouellette, Jen Favalora, Eliana Perez

**Members virtual:** Julie Peryga, Jen O'Neal, BJ Noonan

**Secretary's Report:** (presented by Jen Voegtli)

October minutes were reviewed. Jen Savoy made a motion to approve. Lisa Carlson seconded. Minutes passed.

**Old Business:**

**Color Run:** Lisa Carlson reported that the color run had a profit of \$26,297. Additional corporate match money of about \$2000 will come in over the year.

The PTO presented Lisa and Julie with a gift certificate for all of their hard work on the very successful event.

**President's report** (Karen Castelli):

- The Harvest Celebration's outdoor activities went quicker than planned for, but the event was a lot of fun and the kids really enjoyed it.

-Bus Driver Appreciation Day was held in conjunction with Burr and KES. The event was successful and the bus drivers appreciated the recognition. We will continue to collaborate with the elementary schools for this event around the same time next year, before Thanksgiving.

-Family Movie Night was capped at 200 people, but more people would have liked to come. The event had a bounce house and popcorn. There was a raffle which made a profit of \$216.

**Treasurer's Report** (Jen Savoy):

-Our income over the last 2 months was \$77 from Amazon Smiles, \$420 for Logo Wear, \$216 for Movie Night, and \$26, 630 (received some additional money sine Lisa's meeting with Booster).

-Our expenses were \$780 for Bus Driver Appreciation Day,

-We currently have \$44,189 in the bank.

**HKMS Principal's Report** (Dolores Bates):

-Movie Night was a great event and would have had more people if we could have allowed it.

-Dolores thanked Lisa and Julie for all of their hard work organizing the Color Run event.

-The MS created a community art piece for Veteran's Day. The students made poppies, and Mrs. Thompson is taking their poppies and making it into a display.

-Winter sports are underway, and winter clubs will start next week.

-Afterschool PM room is open until 5pm. Parents must go to the cafeteria and sign their kid(s) out.

-Michelle Ouellette organized the 8<sup>th</sup> grade class witnessing a naturalization ceremony. The students will be watching and supporting new citizens being sworn in by Judge Spector.

-MS chorus members will sing at the Tree Lighting Ceremony at Parmalee on December 4<sup>th</sup>.

-Band and Chorus concerts are happening this month for 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. 6<sup>th</sup> concerts will be in January.

-CCMC PJ Day Fundraiser is Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup>. Bring a \$1 and wear your PJs.

-Dolores requested a large cabinet filled with games to be stored in the cafeteria. The games will be used at lunch and after school.

**HKIS Principal's Report** (Eric Larson):

- IS kids will not be doing a Veteran's Day event, but instead a Memorial Day event. We are hoping the event can be held in-person.

-The Lion King Musical was held in November. Families and friends were grouped and spaced around the theater. The kids did a fantastic job.

- Band will have a concert in the spring. Chorus will have a concert in January.
- December 23<sup>rd</sup> the IS will have a sing-a-long concert.
- Winter clubs for the IS will start at the end of January.
- Eric asked the PTO for money to provide refreshments for staff meetings for the IS and MS. The total cost would be about \$150/month for the next 6 months for a total of \$900. A vote was taken and \$900 was approved unanimously.
- Eric asked for ideas for small gestures to show appreciation to the staff. Michelle mentioned giving teachers coupons for the snack cart. Jen O'Neal mentioned bringing in a massage chair and setting up a relaxation room. A dessert bar or breakfast bar was also mentioned.

#### **Committee Reports:**

##### **Box Tops** (Karen Castelli):

- Box top scanning is increasing, but would like to get more people involved in the program.

##### **Logo Wear** (Karen Castelli):

- Logo Wear sales made a \$216 profit. Some of the items are backordered.

##### **Welcome Wagon** (Karen Castelli):

- A couple of new students came into the district.

##### **PTO Leadership** (BJ Noonan):

- Talked about getting a Bus Stop app. There have been issues with buses running late due to all of the construction.

##### **Book Fair** (BJ Noonan):

- The set up for the Book Fair is Tuesday. We've had trouble getting volunteers. We received much less books than usual (7 cases instead of the usual 12). Scholastic is having issues getting some books from the publishers.
- We sold \$4000 of books on the first day of the Fair.
- If books are out of stock at the fair, parents can go online to order the books.

##### **Craft Fair** (Jen Favalora):

- There is a full house of vendors. The cafeteria and gym will host the vendors and there will be lots of walkways. All the crafters are excited for the event.
- 5 food trucks will be in the bus area. Tables and chairs will be set up outside near the trucks.
- Friday Dec 3<sup>rd</sup> from 2-4pm is the set-up. Pizza is provided. On Saturday morning there will be coffee and muffins for the vendors.
- No bake sale this year.
- Raffle will be held in front of the library.
- Masks are required. Signs denoting masks required were given to us by the Killingworth Health Director

##### **New Business:**

- Michelle Ouellette mentioned that the kids want to do the luminaries again this year. Karen asked if the parents could view the luminaries after school. Parents were only able to see a video of the event last year.
- Michelle also mentioned Monday, January 31<sup>st</sup> is National Hot Cocoa Day. There was a question if we could set up the hot cocoa stations inside so the volunteers are not standing in the cold all morning/afternoon and send the kids outside once they get their drinks.

Meeting adjourned at 8:19pm by Karen Castell  
 Next meeting scheduled for January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7pm.