

## HKIMS PTO MEETING (In person and Google Meet)

April 6, 2022

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Waterbury @ 7:02m

**Members in attendance:** PTO Board: Karen Castelli (President), Joyce Waterbury (VP), Jen Voegtli (Secretary); Eric Larson (Principal, IS), Dolores Bates (Principal, MS), Jeff Wihbey, BJ Noonan

**Members virtual:** Jen Savoy (Treasurer), Lisa Grandjean, Nicole Harlow, Jen O'Neal, Lauren Casini, Julie Peryga, Shana Paladino Ripp

### **Guest Speaker (Superintendent Wihbey):**

Jeff Wihbey spoke to the PTO about the BOE adopted budget. The budget is available on the RSD17 website for review. The referendum on the budget will be on May 3<sup>rd</sup>. Please come out to vote.

### **Secretary's Report:** (Jen Voegtli)

March minutes were reviewed. Karen Castelli made a motion to approve. BJ Noonan seconded. Minutes passed.

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

- We would like to set up a table at the AAFA show for volunteering for the PTO for next year. We did get some people to sign up at the Parent/Teacher conferences, but more volunteers are needed.
- All PTO Board positions will be voted on in June. We will have descriptions of each position for the May meeting, and anyone interested should send their nomination a week before the June meeting.
- Next year the PTO Bylaws will need to be revised (2023).
- We will have a budget meeting in May after the May PTO meeting.
- We will do a combined Staff/Teacher appreciation day luncheon on Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- We would like to do weekly gift card raffle drawings for the staff. 2 staff members names will be pulled out of a basket to receive a \$25 gift card. Karen made a motion to put a budget cap of \$400 for the gift cards. Jen Voegtli made a motion to approve. BJ Noonan seconded. The motion approved.
- The Memorial Day celebration will be held on May 27<sup>th</sup>. We will have veterans coming in to talk to the kids, and a flag folding ceremony will take place.
- Going forward, we will post a draft of the minutes and budget for online viewers.

### **Treasurer's Report** (Karen Castelli):

- Our income last month was \$130 from Amazon Smiles and \$480 from corporate matches for the Color Run.
- Our expenses last month included \$2430 for Cultural Arts performances, \$104 for the IS Valentine's Day celebrations, and \$54 for the IS recess equipment.
- We currently have \$42,617 in the bank.

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

- The MS had The Music Man performances in person on March 25-26. There was a great turnout and the performances were fantastic.
- Spring clubs and sports have begun. Tryouts are this week; practice starts next week for sports.
- Students participated as global citizens by showing support for Ukraine. 6<sup>th</sup> graders sold bracelets and made \$400. The MS will hold a medical supplies drive on April 9<sup>th</sup> from 9am-2pm @HKIMS. Students will collect donations, sort them and box them up for transport.
- Next Thursday is the last day to buy tickets for the Yard Goats game on May 7<sup>th</sup>.
- The MS will host a Variety Show. Auditions will be held after April break.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade stepping up ceremony information will be coming out next week. The 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic will be held on June 17<sup>th</sup>.

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

- Eric thanked the PTO for the new playground equipment.
- Spring clubs at the IS have started. 2 additional clubs were added due to increased interested.
- Field Day will be held June 8<sup>th</sup> (June 9<sup>th</sup> is the rain date). Parent volunteers will be needed.
- Parent night for incoming 4<sup>th</sup> graders will be April 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm.
- Information for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade step up celebration will be coming out soon.

**Committee Reports:**

**Box Tops (Karen Castelli):**

- Flyers went out to HKIS students. We would like to have more participation.

**Book Fair (BJ Noonan):**

- Spring book fair will be May 20<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>. Set-up on Friday the 20<sup>th</sup>.
- Parents can visit the fair on AAFA night.
- Leanne Honous (librarian) still has \$4000 left in scholastic dollars.
- We have the option to give teachers a percentage off books.
- Teachers can pick out books for their classes for students to purchase.
- Scholastic is still having supply issues, and there will be limited restocking.

**Yearbook (Nicole Harlow):**

- 52 5<sup>th</sup> graders have purchased yearbooks so far.
- AAFA photos and Cultural Art photos are still needed.

**Cultural Arts (Karen Castelli):**

- 7<sup>th</sup> grade will have a poet performance on Thursday, April 14<sup>th</sup> by Boogie Chillun American Roots Music.
- BMX Performance for both the IS and MS will try to be scheduled for Field Day, June 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Wizards performers would be a great future event for all grades.

**New Business:**

- SBAC celebration to mark the end of testing will be Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>. The kids will be given popsicles.
- 4<sup>th</sup> grade Coffee House will be held this year.
- Watermelons can be purchased and cut up by the cafeteria staff for events such as Field Day.

Meeting adjourned at 9:22pm by Joyce Waterbury  
Next meeting scheduled for May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7pm.