

Meeting was called to order by Joyce Waterbury @ 7:5pm

**Members in attendance:** PTO Board: Joyce Waterbury (President), Lisa Carlson (VP), Jen Savoy Voegtli (Treasurer); Roslyn Reeps, Dolores Bates (MS Principal), Eric Larson (IS Principal)

**Members virtual:** Jen O'Neal, Julie Peryga, BJ Noonan, Heather Perrson (MS VP)

**Secretary's Report:** (Joyce Waterbury)

September 7<sup>th</sup> minutes were reviewed. Lisa Carlson made a motion to approve. Jen Voegtli seconded. Minutes passed, with addition of June minutes approval to them.

**Old Business (Joyce):**

-Our license with SWANK movie company is valid until next June. The new Minions movie was submitted to be used on 10/14. We need to get families to register for the event in order to know how much concessions we should purchase. Set up for the movie will be at 5:00. 3 baskets will be up for raffle.

**Superintendent's Report:**

-Jeff Wihbey had a conflict tonight but will be at the November 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. Dolores reported that Jeff is in the process of setting up social media pages on Facebook (@HKSchools) and Twitter (@RSD17Schools) to connect the community on latest news and updates.

**President's report (Joyce Waterbury):**

-Finalizing committees. We have chairs for all of the committees.

**Vice President's Report (Lisa Carlson):**

-Working on PT Board website for HKIMS PTO. It will be a go-to hub to learn about PTO events, fundraisers, etc. The website is free for the first year, \$129/year after. A free year is given if you get another PTO to join.

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

-We made \$75.14 from Amazon Smiles. Expenses include \$5000 for field trips, \$425 for insurance and incorporation fees, \$35.55 for new checks. \$700.80 was spent from the playground fund. Will look into getting a separate account set up for the playground fund.

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

-Dolores thanked the PTO for the games and storage cabinet. Student volunteers will be game monitors. The games will be available starting next week.

-The students watched an assembly by John Halligan called Ryan's Story. It was a very moving and powerful presentation and was well received by both students and staff.

-Open house was held last week.

-Clubs and sports have started. More than half of the students (over 200 students) are involved.

-PM room is open and staffed until 5:30pm.

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

-97 students have registered for clubs. There is more room in all clubs except roller skating. We would like to have more students sign up for Origami Club.

-The fall musical, Adventures of Frog and Toad, has 50 cast members. Practice is under way.

-Open house was successful. Many 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents came to the event.

-The 5<sup>th</sup> graders had a field trip to the Pequot Museum.

**Committee Reports:**

**Fundraising (Lisa Carlson):**

-The 'unfundraiser' will be called Direct Investment Fundraiser. It will start before the Bookfair (1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> week of November). Separate school prizes (IS and MS). Looking for 100% student participation of any amount. Will use the platform '99 Pledges'. The only fees charged are for credit card usage (2.9% +\$0.30). Each student has their own page for fundraising.

**Bus Driver Appreciation (Julie):**

-Julie and Jamie are co-chairs. They have emailed to coordinate with Burr and KES PTOs.

**Cultural Arts (Julie):**

-Looking at performances and will email with information next week.

**Book Fair (BJ Noonan):**

-Meeting with Scholastic representative in a few weeks.

**HKIMS PTO Family Events:**

-Movie night 10/14

-IS Harvest Festival will be during the day. It is structured like field day but with a fall theme. Parent volunteers are needed.

**New Business:**

-BJ is looking at the PTO Bylaws and will have comments soon.

-Custodian Day is this Sunday. The Sunshine Team is doing something for them on Friday. The PTO was asked about possibly doing something on Monday. We will be giving the custodians gift cards. Next year we think the students should do something to thank our wonderful custodians, such as making cards. The PTO includes the custodians on staff appreciation day.

Veteran's Day: Heather Perrson is the point person. The MS will be able to invite a veteran they know to a breakfast. The IS will have an assembly. Lisa C. made a motion for up to \$500 for the Veteran's Day budget. BJ 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion. The motion was voted on and passed.

Meeting adjourned @ 8:22pm by Joyce Waterbury

Next meeting scheduled for November 2, 2022