

November HKIMS PTO Meeting

On 11/2/22, meeting was called to order at 7:00 pm by Joyce Waterbury

Attending:

Joyce Waterbury, PTO President
Lisa Carlson, PTO Vice President
Jen Voegtli, PTO Treasurer
Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary
Eric Larson, IS Principal

Online attendees:

BJ Noonan, Jen O'Neal, Julie Peryga, Jamie Sciascia

Old Business

- Bylaws: BJ Noonan has been reviewing them; so far she has noticed mostly spelling/formatting inconsistencies; She plans to compare/contrast with other PTO bylaws but most vary greatly, so the PTO can adjust as needed to suit our unique needs

President's Report (Joyce Waterbury):

- PTO received a nice Thank You note for the Harvest Festival from Mrs. Pias's class that was signed by all of the students

Vice President's Report (Lisa Carlson):

- Nothing to report

Superintendent's Report (Jeff Wihbey):

- Presented an overview of the 5-year Strategic Plan, which will be publicized soon; to answer what do we want to achieve, how will we achieve it and how will we measure success

Treasurer's Report (Jen Voegtli):

- Most expenses so far have been for family nights (\$117.44 after revenue from concessions; Nicole H. still has to submit receipts for the raffle baskets)
- Need to add family nights back in as an expense to the PTO budget; motion to add up to \$2500 made by Jen V. and seconded by Lisa C.
- Motion to approve \$3500 expense for Wacky Carnival (if we meet our \$20k fundraising goal from Direct Fundraiser) made by Jen V. and seconded by Lisa C.

IS Principal's Report (Eric Larson):

- The Harvest Festival was a success; teachers had asked for a whole afternoon this year after a shorter festival last year, but perhaps it was a little too long this time; the inside activities were not as well received as the outdoor ones; charades was tough because the kids don't know how to play; if Bingo is done again next year, we need more prizes
- Tentative picture retake day: 11/15; parents need to see the originals before the date can be finalized
- Veteran's Day Breakfast: expecting a max of 50 people, including students and their veteran guests; afterwards veterans are invited to speak in MS classrooms and to stay for the IS assembly; IS students made cards and posters to honor veterans during the Harvest Festival; request to have students meet the veterans at the school entrance and escort them to the breakfast to avoid confusion
- IS Musical: Frog & Toad, 11/18 & 11/19; ticket sale info to come (will be open to the public and is expected to sell out)
- IS Student Council: collecting for a food drive
- MS Musical: The Addams Family
- MS has field trips planned for team building
- Unified Sports had their 1st scrimmage; MS was honored for the program and will be receiving a banner; plans to have a Unified Sports club at the IS using seed money from the state

MS Principal's Report (Dolores Bates):

- Reported by Eric Larson; see notes above

New Business

- Question from Jen O.: Was there food provided by the PTO for parent-teacher conferences? No (and the PTO hasn't done this in the past), but will consider it for spring

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cultural Arts (Julie Peryga & Jamie Sciascia)

- Waiting for a response from Eric and Dolores about the list of potential assemblies, which was supplied for each school separately and combined
- Do the principals prefer to offer assemblies by grade or school?
- Some potential assemblies suggested by the committee are Robotics, Sky Dome Planetarium
- Eric will review with Dolores and get back to the committee

Veteran's Day (Shana Paladino-Ripp)

- Shana P. will create a sign up genius for parent volunteers as the day gets

closer; she will also buy the carnations that were requested by the school's Veteran's Day committee; Lisa C. will buy/bring supplies

Fundraising (Lisa Carlson)

- Direct Fundraiser starts 11/3, ends 11/18
- See attached pages for details
- If we meet goal for Wacky Carnival, a company comes to campus with giant outdoor games for the kids; will have separate times for IS and MS

Yearbook (Nicole Harlow)

- 68 books sold so far
- Committee and Club (advisor is Katie Gebert with Nicole Harlow) are up and running; committee members (5) are interesting in helping at some of the club meetings
- Both committee and club members have been taking photos at events

PTO Leadership

- Superintendent Whibey plans to set an agenda for the year; items to be discussed include budget and communication

Social Media Publicity

- Nothing to report

Book Fair (BJ Noonan)

- Will run the week after Thanksgiving, through Saturday at the craft fair; Thursday is an early dismissal day so schedule may change for that day
- BJ will send out a Signup Genius once the schedule is approved
- Scholastic rep assured BJ that there will be more stock this year
- New this fair: a one-time \$75 shipping charge (or we can pay with Scholastic money)
- Sales Tax is required
- Teacher wish lists: parents seems to want it, but there was very low teacher participation (Eric suggests keeping it simple for the person planning and to keep the book fair kid-focused)

Spirit wear (Lisa Carlson)

- Arriving tomorrow (11/3/22); Lisa will distribute Friday

Bus Driver Appreciation

- Working out which PTO will pay for each component of the gifts

Meeting adjourned at 8:49 pm by Joyce W.; next meeting Wed 12/7/22 at 7 pm