

# January HKIMS PTO Meeting

On 11/2/22, meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Lisa Carlson

## **Attending:**

Lisa Carlson, PTO Vice President

Jen Voegtli, PTO Treasurer

Eric Larson, IS Principal

BJ Noonan

## **Online attendees:**

Heather Persson, Robert Fagan, Julie Peryga, Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary

## **New Business**

- Mr. Fagan made request for gym equipment; PE quickly moves away from team activities and into fitness/lifestyle; PE teachers have collected a lot of second-hand golf equipment; hard to fit the purchase of the indoor mini-golf course in the normal gym budget as it would eat up the entire budget for both schools; mini-golf course can be set up differently for the different grades; would plan to leave it set up for quite a while during the spring, but would like to purchase the storage cart as well for keeping it organized when it's not in use; PE teachers have purchased from this supplier before (Gopher); Jen V. suggested using the playground fund (\$3305); no objections to using the playground fund; motion made by BJ N. to approve the purchase from the playground fund, seconded by Jen V.; PTO will purchase with PTO credit card and donate to the school

## **Old Business**

- By-laws: made spelling, spacing and punctuation changes; added a few things, including how to remove a member from the executive board; a new section about remote attendance; information about dissolution; will see it in February and vote on it in March

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

- Has reached out to vendor about Wacky Carnival; hoping to have a date in February or early March; will need access to gym and cafeteria; will happen after-hours (afternoon session and evening session to accommodate both schools); will need parent volunteers
- Luminaria (will need only very limited supplies)
- Valentine's Day: last year did a hot chocolate day; will be impossible to do without parent volunteers; will revisit this at the next meeting

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

- \$43,473.37
- Jen V. straightened out a disputed charge; \$426 were returned to us by the bank
- \$3300 still in playground fund; the new gym equipment will come out of this account

### **MS Principal's Report (Heather Persson):**

- Question from Lisa Carlson: who is handling PPTs? Heather Persson handling, as well as interim principal
- Upcoming dance; student council is working on it; kids chose semi-formal and they will define what that means; talk of having a DJ
- Sports are off to a great start; extracurricular website (<https://sites.google.com/rsd17.org/hkims-athletics>); there are 10 games/meets that students can attend with a chaperone
- iReady diagnostic for reading happening tomorrow and math in a couple of weeks
- Clubs are up and running; some examples are maple sugaring, anime, outdoor adventure, diversity and inclusion, homework club is new: can still send your child in even if you didn't register for it
- Working on the luminaria; community will be invited
- 6th grade band and chorus concert on 1/10

### **IS Principal's Report (Eric Larson):**

- Musical was a big success; 1st, 2nd and some Kindergarteners came to watch it from BES and KES
- Upcoming concert
- Next club brochure went out today; Cooking club is running for the first time ever; Green Club continuing; Board Game Club and more; Mr. Larson appreciates that the teacher advisors take time away from their families to run the clubs
- Mr. Larson is working on a joint faculty and parent committee to put together a career and hobby fair; students are starting to wonder why they're learning what they're learning; bring in people from the community to show how they use skills they learned in school for their career or hobby; would like this to be a signature offering for HKIS

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Cultural Arts (Julie Peryga & Jamie Sciascia)**

- Skate for Life for both schools on June 7 at 1 and 2 pm
- Trying to book Be Great for IS; limited dates; Larson is leaning towards

- Feb 6 in the morning
- Considering Sonnet Man for MS

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

- Took cash earnings of \$5428 for the PTO; will give it to the school; Leanne Honius plans to use it for Read Across America; BJ will ask her to take pictures to post on Facebook so parents can learn how their support of the book fair benefits the school
- Would've been nice for the kids to have more time to visit the fair; next year there won't be an early dismissal during the week of the book fair, so that won't be an issue
- BJ N. was thinking that the week after Thanksgiving wasn't ideal because it's hard to communicate, get volunteers and sometimes an issue of weather, but got a lot of positive feedback about when it was; does coincide well with the Craft Fair and holiday shopping
- Sales tax was an issue; Could PTO use Scholastic Dollars to judiciously cover the difference?
- Getting volunteers was a challenge; maybe giving a discount to the volunteers would be nice
- Haven't done a BOGO sale before, but might be good to try; BJ N. will get more info from sales rep; Will it affect the book selection that we have in the fall? Would it prevent offering discounts for teachers?
- Need to find a replacement for BJ because spring will be her last fair; She is putting together a document to help the next committee head

### **Yearbook (Nicole Harlow)**

- Nothing to report

### **PTO Leadership**

- BJ N. And Lisa attended the last meeting, but would like more involvement from BES and KES
- Superintendent Wihbey is working on a parent communication policy; asked reps to share it with the PTO once they receive the document and for PTO to give feedback; Details the expectations and formats for communication; would like to have some standards and uniformity; document was quite simple; Lisa C. suggests giving more detail since the communication is quite different as students progress from one school to the next
- Budget items: A lot of fixed costs are going up, including Bus Contract (and diesel), utilities; Wish List items: increasing professional development
- Possible changes to school schedule; maybe earlier start dates and

additional early dismissal days for PD; discussion about starting on a Monday instead of Wednesday for the first week

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm by Lisa C.; next meeting Wed 2/1/23 at 7 pm