

Price HSC Meeting Agenda  
September 12, 2023  
Price MS, room #3  
Time 7pm

*“The purpose of this organization shall be to assist in the general welfare of the school; to promote cooperation among the school, the home and the community at large; and to assist in the acquisition of educational materials, services and activities not provided by any other source.” - [Approved Bylaws 2019](#)*

Meeting called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Meeting minutes approval from May 30, 2023

1<sup>st</sup> motion Janet Gillis

2<sup>nd</sup> motion Lara Brock

All approved, no nays

1. Board Buddy - Trustee
  - a. Introduction of Janet Gillis
    - a. Runs Price Chill Room during lunch periods and has been involved with Price as a parent, teacher and student
  - b. Chill-Room (anywhere between 50 to 80 kids during lunch) – looking for volunteers to help with it (about 1.5-2 hrs total during lunchtime); please reach out if interested!
2. Principal Update – Margaret Lavin
  - a. Peace Ceremony held on Sept 11; all student-run and all students and staff attended with music and speeches; Jarod Middleton came to the 8<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms and shared personal stories of helping in New York City after the attacks of 9/11/01
  - b. Back to school dance on 9/22 from 4-6pm – tickets on sale during lunch next week in the library and assume that there will be a need for volunteers
  - c. NAMI walk coming up in Oct 2023 to help raise funds for mental health awareness; occurs during the student’s PE class
  - d. School is off to a great start and almost half-way thru the 1<sup>st</sup> quarter with progress reports coming out at the end of next week
  - e. Math Olympics coming up 10/10
  - f. Backyard band practice over the summer helped get the students ready for beginning of the year performances

Question about attendance limits at the back-to-school dance, since tickets are limited to 400; usually no issue, but we need to keep the limit because of fire codes

3. President Update – Aletta Godden
    - a. **Action Item** - Vote in new HSC Vice President, Steve Flagg
      - 1<sup>st</sup> motion – Mel Ojczyk
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion – Beth Erickson
- All approved, no nays

4. Quick Introduction New Board for Board 2023-2024
  - a. President - Aletta Godden
  - b. VP - Steve Flagg
  - c. Treasurer Cash - Erika Foss
  - d. Treasurer Finance - Raul Silva
  - e. Secretary - Sarah Anthony
  - f. Auditor - Howard Young
  - g. Parliamentarian – Open (please reach out if interested)
  - h. CEF Rep – Mel Ojczyk

*“The **Parliamentarian** shall advise the members and directors of the requirements for meeting conduct as outlined in Robert’s Rules of Order. The Parliamentarian shall attend all members’ meetings and ensure that the meetings are conducted in a timely manner. In addition, the parliamentarian shall have such other powers and duties as the Board may prescribe.”- Bylaws 2019*

5. Committee/Chair Openings:
  - a. Parent Night Out – not necessarily interested in having it be a huge fundraiser, but a fun way to bring together parents
  - b. Passive Fundraising Coordinator
6. Treasurer Update – Erika Foss/Raul Silva
  - a. **Action Item** – Raise a motion to vote on amending the budget to purchase a new digital kiln during the Oct meeting: will benefit the Art Room (Between \$5K - \$6K)
    - a. Old Kiln is dated and has been at Price for a very long time. New Kiln will help speed up projects (Reduces projects from a 6-8 week turnaround to only being about 4 weeks).
    - b. Looking for a quote from Clay kiln, will need 1 kiln this year, but would eventually need another one next year
    - c. Motion to amend the budget during the October 2023 HSC meeting to buy a kiln for the Art department for \$6000 from surplus funds
      - 1<sup>st</sup> motion Lara Brock
      - 2<sup>nd</sup> motion Howard Young
  - b. Treasurer Reports – Raul Silva
    - a. Due to many unforeseeable events (including change of cash treasurer from Heather Murphy to Erika Foss and new owners of the bank, Bank of the West bought out by BMO Financial Group, Raul and Erika are currently not able to log on to online version of the bank statements
    - b. Rough estimates only for now: closed June with ~\$92,780, \$12,200 spent so far (mostly on t-shirts, some teacher stipends), cash balance of roughly \$80,500 as of end of August
    - c. Giving Campaign ~\$3800 cash received in the PayPal account
    - d. Teacher Stipends are \$365 per teacher from HSC funds

7. Committee Updates

- a. Hospitality – Michelle Garcia
    - a. Provide staff luncheons throughout the year; alternate one month of lunches and one month of snacks; beg of year Staff breakfast in Aug; next one in Oct will be snacks; very much appreciated by teachers and staff
    - b. Will need to find replacements for next year since this is their last year; would love to have any parents shadow them this year
  - b. Family Night Out – Aletta Godden
    - a. Panda Express already occurred (\$207.60 earned from that evening)
  - c. Giving Campaign – approaching \$4000 so far, goal of \$60,000; will continue to post on Facebook and thru the Panter Paw and Margaret will start email blasts to the parents
  - d. Theatre Arts – Mel Ojczyk
    - a. Play update: District-funded this year only, so no enrollment fee this year either; suggestion is to only use concessions and ticket sales as a means for us to fundraise off of the play
    - b. Play will be “Newsies” – rehearsals will start 1/23; tech week 4/15; play is tentatively scheduled 4/18 and 4/19, but looking to potentially have Fri/Sat performances (4/19 and 4/20)
    - c. More info to be publicized starting in October
  - e. Project Cornerstone – Aletta Godden
    - a. Starting in 6<sup>th</sup> grade classes only
    - b. Volunteers are getting up and running, starting early Oct; lessons will be held in the classrooms
  - f. Beautification – Aletta Godden
    - a. Scouts Troop Project Cleanup - Tentative October 28 – space near the track, maybe doing some planting
    - b. Science Wing Garden - Tentative Volunteer Garden Date 11/4 (9am - 2pm); need to move mulch that was piled on planting area to make the space open for planting and then move mulch back; may take more than one day
8. New Business – Open
- a. Question: Issue of bullying occurring at school; how should something like this get reported?
 

Margaret: 1) Students can fill out an incidence report in the office, Margaret/staff investigate the report and then get the parents of the bully involved; 2) Or talk to an adult as soon as it happens and tell them what happened; 3) Or parents are welcome to send Margaret an email and let her know what happened

Suggestion of having incident reports available with each 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher as well, in case students are unsure about going to the main office
  - b. CEF Introduction/Update – Mel Ojczyk
    - a. CEF is the umbrella organization for the HSC and is the main non-profit for fundraising and receiving matching funds which then get distributed to the appropriate school; trying to grow as an organization to help support

the district as a whole, providing funding at the district-level to ensure equity and allow schools to free up budget for other items

- b. Some examples of CEF in the community:
  - 1. San Jose Christmas in the Park – kindergartners create secular ornaments and decorations for the trees (we have our own CEF Tree)
  - 2. Annual read-a-thon (kickoff 1/12/24); this past year raised ~\$28K which helped fund school programs and helped fund a professional development day at the district; also helped promote reading and fostered literacy
  - 3. Celebrating Cambrian Kids festival this past June 2023 where ~2000 people attended; included an art show, music shows, lots of fun. Only broke-even this year, but there were not expectations of it being a fundraiser since it was the 1<sup>st</sup> one
- c. Upcoming:
  - 1. Giving campaign will kickoff and will target local businesses (not just families) and will support arts education
  - 2. Gently used shoe drive will be happening
  - 3. Survey will go out about the Celebrating Cambrian Kids festival to determine if there is a desire to have this event, and if yes, then the hope is to get more HSC involvement

Please reach out to Mel if you'd like to get more involved with CEF

## 9. Closing

### **UPCOMING EVENTS**

9/15 - College Dress Up Day

9/20 - Family Night Out - Mendocino Farms - [link to flier](#)

9/22 - Back To School Dance (All Grades)

10/6 - NAMI Walk

Meeting adjourned 8:04pm

17 attendees plus 1 joined via phone