

Price HSC General Meeting Minutes 3/12/19

Attendees: Jill Brigham, Alexia Olivarez, Jennifer Dodge, Dan Kirwan, Wendy Niles, Katie Crick, Tracie Stamp, Kevin Paskett, Carrie Whitaker, Heather Casale, Gretchen Stephens, Jill Brigham, Ronald Niles, Jeff Lowery, Natalie Gioco, Ramesh Krishnan, Melissa Ojczyk, Heather Murphy

I. Call to Order, Jill Brigham, 7:07pm.

II. Heather Murphy: Approval of 2/12/19 minutes (posted online), motion to approve by Kevin Paskett, seconded by Tracie Stamp.

III. Price Updates: Natalie Gioco, Principal

We have some quotes for the new storage shed, but still need to work out if we need a concrete pad, etc. and how big the shed needs to be. The proposal will be presented at the next meeting. Spending: Sports Scholarships (including uniforms, equipment, coaches, referees) is coming in a lot lower than budgeted, approx \$2,000, but the academic awards/medals will cost more than budgeted, possibly \$4,400, so we can move some of the Sports Scholarship funds to Student Awards.

It has been realized by the district that Chromebooks have a lifespan of about 5 years. After that time, the devices cannot be updated and then become non-operational. Price has 170 Chromebooks that will need to be replaced next year. Cambrian has no replacement plan. We won't need to replace the carts (~\$2K), just the devices. 32 Chromebooks per cart. It was noted that Macs last about twice as long but cost about three times as much.

IV. President's Comments: Jill Brigham

The Cambrian Fun Run (3/24) committee is looking for volunteers. This year it will start and finish at Price.

Kona Ice on March 22nd, out front of the community centre.

Family Dinner Nights: Jack Holders on March 28th (all day).

Goodwill donation drive on March 30th, 9am-2pm. A flyer will be going out with a list of what they will and will not accept.

The Price HSC board will have some open positions next year: Vice-President, Secretary and Auditor.

These committees will need chairpersons next year: Book Fair, Box Tops, CEF rep, Family Dinner Nights, Hospitality, Movie Night - positions can be shared between two people.

V. Treasurer's Report: Ron Niles

The Giving Campaign has brought in more than the goal, and PNO made more than the goal also. eScrip rules have changed a little, so that's not bringing in as much as expected. Not all the Family Dinner Night checks have been received yet. But overall our income is good.

Pennies for Price raised close to \$5K, which has not been included in this month's treasurer's

report. We have been talking about increasing expenses to put this money to work, buying more Chromebook carts, etc.

There was a donation of \$3,000 earmarked for the Sugar Scrub Fund. Ms Oliverez is the moderate-severe SDC teacher, part of the instruction includes daily living/functional skills. They walk to Lunardis on Thursdays, learning to stay safe on the sidewalks, buy groceries which they then cook on Fridays. To fund these activities, the students make sugar scrubs which they sell to Price teachers.

VI. Committee Reports

A. Pennies for Price: Carrie Whitaker

The goal was \$2,000, approx \$4,774 has been brought in. Carrie bought \$300 worth of donuts for house prizes. The students were excited and enthusiastic to participate and strategize. The Spartans brought in the most money, but the Aztecs won the house competition - the Aztecs brought in \$1,181.30 in coins, but had \$268 in paper money. Spartans brought in \$1,230.47 in coins, but got \$947 in bills dumped in their bucket. Next year, the bank will provide bags to collect the money, and they'll send it out to count it, which takes two weeks, rather than have us roll it.

Natalie presented Jill and Carrie with gift cards for manicures as a thank you for all the hard work counting coins!

Carrie committed to organizing the penny drive next year.

B. Fun Fest: Jeff Lowery

Fun Fest planning is going well. Kick off promotions will start Tuesday or Wednesday next week. The next planning meeting will be 7pm Wednesday March 20 at Hickory Pit. The event is to celebrate who "you" are. There will be no zip line this year. There will be Euro Bungee - 25' four person bungee is the headliner. Wristbands will include all inflatables this year, will not include food, game truck, photo booth, face paint. There will be hamster balls, 4 new inflatables. Human foosball, human hungry hippo, Jacob's Ladder. The event layout will be moving to all blacktop, except laser tag will be in the cafeteria - a professional company will come in and run a Fortnite themed laser tag, costs \$600. Raffling an iPad, airpods. There will be a DJ, and Jeff is looking for donations of blankets so kids can hang out on the grass and listen to the music. We are asking teachers to identify low income families that might need support from HSC. ROTC will be coming. Jeff is looking for ideas for a house competition, that he can provide fast pass tickets or something. 6 houses, 2 per grade level.

Wendy Niles presented the T-shirts - Fun Fest will be on Two Color Shoe Day, so the shirts show two different color shoes. The shirts are available in black, pink, and blue. \$40. Available online.

C. Beautification: Katie Crick

One more workday soon, Katie will send out a SUG, to put down bark/mulch. We are still needing seating, but it has been noticed that kids group around benches, rather than sitting on a line of benches. We would all like to get the kids off the ground. Natalie will

help set up meetings with the director of facilities to discuss bench needs. Any shade structure will need involvement from state architect.

VII. New Business

Jill Brigham: Price has a need for more Chromebook carts. We would like to spend up to \$16,000 on a new Chromebook cart. This will be added to the April agenda, in order to be voted on. Natalie mentioned that last year Price received a gift of \$100,000, 80% of which was dedicated to technology. They have been using the money to update the technology in classrooms - getting rid of the Smartboards, and replacing with flat screen monitors, etc. Whatever is left over from this fund will go towards Chromebooks also.

VIII. Old Business

Starting Arts ASE program: The school does not have a competing interest in theatre arts, so Natalie is happy to support Starting Arts as an after-school enrichment program. HSC needs to decide which funding structure to use. 3 different options - Starting Arts can handle everything and HSC would not have any participation, the cost per person is over \$300, and CSD facilities will charge facility usage fees. Or we can subsidize, approx \$5,000 which is similar to what we put towards sports, and this would bring the cost per person down to about \$200, but HSC would still have no participation or benefit from ticket sales etc. Third option is for HSC to fund entirely - we would put \$2,000 deposit down this school year, then pay the remaining \$12,000 next year (\$6K in Sept, \$6K after the production). In that case, we would collect all registration fees, and all ticket money. Melissa Ojczyk (Price parent) will manage all volunteers and ticket sales. She suggests charging \$200 per cast member (based on premise of 60 kids signing up - this would break even). More kids signing up (max 80) means more profit for HSC. She is very confident we will get at least 60 signups, but even if we get only half that, HSC would only be out the \$5,000 that would have been the second option, and still gets the ticket sales and concessions.

Ramesh Krishnan: concerned it will be too hard to get volunteers. Perhaps we should make it a requirement that parents will have to commit to volunteer hours if their child signs up. We could also require parents to pay their own ~\$50 deposit now to hold a place and show commitment to the program - Melissa pointed out that it would be too hard to keep enough spots open for incoming 6th graders, and she is confident we would only need a small crew of volunteers who she will recruit.

Natalie Gioco: we have a growing Title 1 population, we will need fiscal support for students who can't afford to finance it themselves. Starting Arts offers some scholarships.

Jill Brigham: there is no opportunity through Starting Arts for students to work behind the scenes/tech work. They have a tech camp in the summer.

Dan Kerwin: the students showed during the Pennies for Price coin drive that they have a strong sense of camaraderie, and this program will continue that and link kids back to school.

Tracie Stamp proposed that HSC pays the \$2,000 deposit, and the remaining \$12,000 will be included in the 2019-20 budget. Carrie Whitaker seconded. Motion passed.

By-Laws: The by-laws with changes have been posted online for review, and discussed at previous meetings. Natalie is relieved that the by-laws have finally been revised and updated. Kevin Paskett proposed to accept the changes made to the by-laws, and Jeff Lowery seconded. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned: 8:17pm