

September HKIMS PTO Meeting

On 9/6/23, meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by Joyce Waterbury

Online attendees:

Joyce Waterbury
Julie Peryga
Jen Voegtli
Nicole Harlow
Heather Persson
Eric Larson
Jennifer Banaletti
Lisa Carlson
Elisia Piscitelli
Kate Courchesne
Henry Browne
Jamie Sciascia

Unfinished Business:

- Motion to approve last meeting's minutes made by Lisa Carlson; seconded by Jen V.; approved
- Carnival is Friday 9/15, 5-7pm; desperately need parents to volunteer or will not be able to run the games; grilled food, chips & snacks for sale; games, inflatable golf course and giant LEGO set, temporary tattoos, spin art, etc.; Joyce said there are some leftover snacks from the 4th grade step up day that can be used; Lisa will be on site before 3pm to direct the company where to go so as not to interfere with buses; company does not want help setting up or cleaning up (15 min cleanup session is only to pick up wrappers); administration will convey that the event is not a drop-off situation, parents are expected to attend and supervise their kids

President's & Vice President's Reports (Joyce Waterbury & Julie Peryga):

- Working on getting volunteers for committee chairs; Allison Broder and Jenn LoGuidice will head Teacher Appreciation; would love to get more parents involved; Julie P. Volunteered to look into CA options if no chair is found soon

Treasurer's Report (Jen Voegtli):

- \$25,280.93 current total balance
- Checks for each grade for field trips have been written out and will be dropped off soon
- Welcome back celebration, cups for fence, and back-to-school teacher

- lunch contributed to the expenses this month
- Eric's feedback: Career Day lunch is a go (early winter for 20-25 people); Can the Cub Scouts have a table set up to recruit new members (they would bring a game for kids to play as well) at the Carnival? (Decision: yes)
 - Heather's feedback: Holocaust Program (please keep in budget, but may not be a priority this year); Chromebook sleeves can go on the back burner; Open to the idea of a "Fun Run" type of fundraiser
 - PTO could sign up for One-by-One grant; company for promotional items which could be used for welcome wagon or as giveaways for other events

MS Principal's Report (Heather Persson):

- Dorothy sends her regrets for not being able to attend tonight
- Sports have started; weather has been a minor setback
- Club announcements coming soon (will also be shared with students via morning announcements and Google Classroom)
- Wednesday 9/20: Picture Day and Open House
- Open House this year will run differently; grade-level team meetings so parents can attend each grade if they have multiple students in different grades
- Reports of hot rooms yesterday; custodians responded immediately so the whole school was cool and comfortable today
- Nature's Classroom for grade 6 week-long program in Ivortyton (spring); putting together proposal for BoE; still exploring options for 8th grade, would like to do a 3 day/2 night program and will present idea to BoE soon

IS Principal's Report (Eric Larson):

- Step Up day was successful; lots of mingling to help kids feel comfortable on the 1st day of school
- Club info coming out mid-next week
- Monday 9/18: Curriculum Night; Eric will kick it off with a presentation, then each duet will present to their families; Mr. D'Amato will give a presentation for families interested in band
- Fall Festival, may need help from the PTO
- Career Day, early winter

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Cultural Arts (chair needed)

- One or two people needed ASAP
- Don't want to miss programming opportunities for the kids

Veteran's Day (chair needed)

- A parent last year expressed interest; Joyce will follow up to see if they are still interested

Fundraising (Lisa Carlson)

- Nothing to report yet; will jump back in after the Carnival

Book Fair (Nicole Harlow)

- Plan to run the fair in conjunction with the HKYFS Craft Fair

Yearbook (Kate Courchesne)

- Jocelyn Proto will be helping
- Planning to put out a sign up genius at Curriculum Night
- Eric said people did take photos for the 1st day of school

Leadership

- Usually starts in October

Welcome Wagon (chair needed)

- Jen Favalora handed off all of the materials; everything was used up so will need to order more supplies
- Jen Banaletti volunteered to head committee

Bus Driver Appreciation (chair needed)

- Nothing to report yet

Spirit Wear (chair needed)

- Jen B. passed along info for the person who handles it at the high school to Dorothy Ventura; there wouldn't be any cost associated with tagging on to the high school offerings; would NOT be a fundraiser; no objections to it not being a fundraiser; Joyce will follow up with Dorothy and Jen B. Is willing to facilitate getting it set up with IS and MS logos

Teacher Appreciation (Allison Broder and Jenn LoGuidice)

- Nothing to report

Cup Committee (chair needed)

- Commitment is only twice per year (just before the start of school and in late May or early June)

New Business:

- Committee Chairs (see notes above)

- Budget (see notes above); Jen V. will change budget line for "MS Field Day" to "MS Spring Days"

Next meeting 10/4, 7pm; Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm by Joyce W.