

1/10/24 Minutes

Call to order at 4:01pm

Attendees: Tessa Boyd, Kristin Heverley, Leah Krull, Sheila Forester, Roo Daniels, Jennifer Solomon, Bryan MacLeod, Jamie Zeller

Secretary's Report:

Reviewed meeting minutes from November 15, 2023

Motion to approve: Kristin Heverley, second: Roo Daniels

Treasurer's Report:

As of 12/31, total income is \$32,284.23 and total expense is \$22,199.00.

Talked about expenses in the new year - events, busing for field trip, 5th grade promotion, etc.

Proposed Silent Auction for supplementary fundraiser since Walkathon income was less than projected. Compared to Conewago school's online. Talked about considering raffle. Looked at online platforms and considering 32auctions.com. Leah Krull volunteered to co-chair with Kristin Heverley. Volunteers and other co-chairs welcome. Proposed timeframe of late February or early March.

Motion to accept: Roo Daniels, second: Jamie Zeller

President's Report:

The president's report was given by Tessa Boyd in Ashley Foreman's absence. Chairs are needed for the annual Mother/Son event and Talent Show Show. Alternatives to a Talent Show were discussed, but no decision was made. Alternatives included: Virtual Talent Show on FlipGrid, All-school Activity. An evening event was discouraged and it is not possible to block off 90 minutes for an added assembly.

The deadline for yearbook pictures is prior to Camp Heron. Last year a slide show was created for 5th grade families because of the same issue. Leah Krull volunteered to create an insert for the yearbooks as long as photos are provided by counselors and staff.

The following board positions will be open for the 2024-25 school year: Co-Vice President and Treasurer. Co VP is an elected position and the treasurer is appointed by the board annually. Mrs. Wellems was suggested to serve as nominating committee lead and the PTO board will follow up to see if she is interested and available. Those

interested, should submit their interest to the PTO board or to the Nominating Committee prior to the March PTO Meeting (March 13).

Principal's Report:

Mr. MacLeod shared that the all-school holiday event went well and was appreciated by students and staff.

A new reading curriculum, Wit and Wisdom, is being piloted across the district in various classrooms. At East Hanover, Mrs. Solomon (grade 2), Mrs. Twaddell (grade 3) and Mrs. Jones (grade 4) are classes that will pilot the program this year. If chosen, this curriculum will replace iReady and will be district-wide.

Dr. Winner invited PTO board members from each school to attend a District PTO meeting and luncheon. Kristin Heverley and Leah Krull will represent our board at the January event.

Teacher's Report:

Mrs. Solomon (grade 2) reiterated appreciation for the Staff Holiday Luncheon and All Class Party. She commented that January is tough as students frequently have difficulty adjusting back to school.

East Hanover Reads will begin February 9 with a kick-off celebration. The book chosen is School Days with Humphry. A copy of the book is provided to each EH Family and staff member was made possible by a Falcon Foundation Grant and help from Mrs. Sell. Mrs. Leiberher (ESL) will submit a mini-grant for copies of the book written in Spanish

Committee Reports:

Mini-Thon: An R&K Sub Fundraiser was suggested for January/February. Some concerns were expressed about timing due to the upcoming Silent Auction and confusion that parents have for PTO fundraisers vs. Mini-Thon. No decision was made at the meeting until a discussion could be had with co-chairs who were unable to attend.

Donuts & Grown Ups: Scheduled March 21 & 22

New Business:

It was suggested to rebrand MiniTHON fundraising back to East Hanover Cares and Walk a Thon to help families distinguish the new different types of fundraisers. Social media reels could be a fun and unique way to show the difference.

Next meeting March 13 at 4:00 pm

Motion to adjourn at 4:50: Solomon, second: Boyd