

2024-2025 HGE PTO Agenda

Jan. meeting: 1/8

5:30-6:30 PM / HGE Library

Agenda:

1. Call to Order
 - a. Rochelle Roldan
 - b. Stephen Strinka
 - c. Emily Ottinger
 - d. Nikki Douros
 - e. Stacey Rubin
 - f. Julie Derus
 - g. Jeanna Wagner
 - h. Stela Baker
 - i. Chris Blados
 - j. Melissa Koch
2. Principal Report
 - a. District updates:
 - i. By the end of January the 2025-2026 calendar should be out
 - ii. Tomorrow (Jan 9) bond-related item timeline should be communicated (which will include a new playground for our school)
 - iii. MAPS testing was completed in December
 - iv. Next Tuesday DIBBLES starts - gives data on risk for future reading difficulties
 - v. Working on “One School, One Book”. Book has been approved, now working on other items related to literacy month
 1. Thursday in March to celebrate
3. President Report
 - a. Mural as a legacy item

- i. Stela has an artist in mind. If this is something we would like to do, we need to create a line item in the budget for this. Stela can pull some examples of her work to share at next meeting for HG community to view and decide
 - 1. Let's make sure that where we want to put the mural, that that area of the school would not be impacted by the bond
 - 2. Cost is an important deciding factor, so it would be good to have an idea on cost before moving forward
 - 3. Timing - TBD, but when kids are not in school
- b. Back to school supplies - <https://1stdayschoolsupplies.com/connect/?id=18736>
 - i. In previous year, the school has used a back-to-school supply supplier to help parents to get ready for school.
 - 1. The previous supplier wasn't very responsive, so we are looking for other options
 - a. Most expensive box was <\$40, name brand items
 - ii. The supply list may need to be ready earlier than in past years to be able to be ready to communicate to families.
- c. May Carnival - date? Need to confirm with Fun Services soon.
 - i. Friday, May 16th
- d. K to 2 field trip:
 - i. Arvada Center: Lyle Lyle Crocodile play. The funding for this will be voted on as a funding request at this meeting.
- e. Science Heroes assembly - <https://www.thescienceheroes.com/>
 - i. Days and times that work for us - Chris and Stela to discuss (not April because of CMAS and MAPS testing)
- f. Canceling Feb PTO Meeting due to conferences
- g. Need a volunteer to help plan the dance
 - i. Date: Friday, February 28th
 - ii. Time: 6:15-7:45, set up starts at 5:00
 - iii. Need a DJ? Or maybe just use Spotify
 - 1. Teacher could please use morning connection circle to get a list of 10 songs per class that we can use to supplement an elementary-appropriate playlist

- iv. If no DJ, then need to get lighting. But if no DJ, we would also have budget for lights. \$250 was what was reserved for the DJ
 - v. Open up the wall between the cafeteria and gym to expand the room
 - vi. HG 4th grade Girl Scout troop to sell cookies the last part of the dance
- 4. Spirit Night
 - a. Volunteer - Spirit Night Flag (Lisa White)
 - b. Skate City Spirit Night: Monday, January 13th 6:00-8:00
- 5. Treasury
 - a. Treasury Position filled by Emily Ottinger (no vote needed - according to the bylaws, the President can approve)
- 6. Teacher Appreciation
 - a. Conference Dinner(s) - budget allows for \$700, which usually only covers one night. Do we want to increase the budget to cover both nights?
 - i. Sign-up Genius for ongoing snack/drink supply for the teachers' lounge to be started during conferences (Jeanna work on this)
 - b. Chair Massages were a hit, definitely do again next year
 - c. January Appreciation early next week
 - d. Feb Appreciation need to coordinate with Mishel
 - e. Teacher (Staff) Appreciation Week
 - i. May 5 - May 9
 - ii. Increased budget request
- 7. Other Business
 - a. Funding Requests: Current budget \$1650.
 - i. K. Rasmussen - Play "Lyle Lyle Crocodile" May 1st and May 7th for K-2nd \$3994.95
 - ii. 2nd grade teachers requesting digital/scannable Whipbook flip chart, \$194.97 for three
 - iii. Kinder - in-school field trip from Denver Children's Museum \$400.16 for all classes combined
 - iv. F. Anello - Scoop chairs for flexible seating \$94.99 for 6
 - v. 3rd grade - Museum of Nature and Science program field trip \$1277.55
 - vi. Total (without the K-2 field trip request) = \$1,983.51

1. The Board discussed/suggests covering the 3rd grade field trip up to the point that we are not going over the original \$1650 budget.
- b. Motion to approve items ii through v, up to \$1650 (leaving \$333.51 for 3rd grade to have families pay any left over costs)
 - i. Motion was approved
- c. Motion to approve funding request budget increase by \$3994.95 to cover item i (K-2nd field trip)
 - i. Motion was approved
- d. Motion to approve item i
 - i. Motion was approved