

### PTA Board Members

President - TBD Interim Leader - Katie Mikos	Treasurer - Brittany Paulk
Secretary – Meggan Broomfield	Fundraising- Andrea Clark and Kristin Keller
Membership – Krista Dietrich	Merry Moose Coordinator – Gina Moddo
Teacher Representative- Leanne Zlotek, Lindsey Perry and Amanda Glenn	Hospitality/Teacher appreciation- Cindy Acara and Durresameen Asif
Sweet Home School District Board of Education Representative- Dirk Rabenold	Picture Coordinator- Event Photographer –

### Current Goals

1. Increase communication to student, families, and faculty
2. Increase parent involvement and volunteers
3. Decrease number of Fundraisers and Maximize enrichment for students

**Meeting -Monday 1/13 @ 5:30– Library with Zoom option** (zoom time is limited and will cut off after 40 min.)

<b>September</b> 9/9 PTA meeting 9/11-9/18 Book Fair 9/12 Open House 9/27 – <b>FUN RUN!!</b>	<b>October</b> 10/7 PTA meeting 10/18 – Haunted Halls	<b>November</b> 11/4 – PTA meeting 11/22 – Turkey Trot
<b>December</b> 12/9 – PTA Meeting 12/9 – 12/12 Merry Moose Holiday Shop	<b>January</b> 1/13 – PTA Meeting 1/16 – Skating Party 1/31 – School Dance	<b>February</b> 2/10 PTA meeting
<b>March</b> 3/10 - PTA meeting 3/19 – STEM Night	<b>April</b> 4/15 - PTA meeting 4/24 – Multicultural Night 4/24-4/29 BOGO Book Fair	<b>May</b> 5/5 -5/9 Teacher Appreciation 5/12 PTA meeting-Elections 5/30 – End of year family picnic
<b>June</b> 6/9 PTA meeting-next year planning 6/18 – Friendship Day		

## Minutes-January 13, 2025

1. **Principal Report** – Mr. Perry reported that HH became a lighthouse school. He wants to have a proper celebration with parents, students, and staff, he is coming up with a plan tomorrow with the student lighthouse group. He is presenting to the board on 2/4 about becoming a lighthouse school. The parent lighthouse group recommended an activity to complete a vision board at home so the families and schools can collaborate with the habits. He reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> graders are working with the UB engineering department.
  
2. **Leadership update** –
  - a. Dr. Ginestre, Dr. Wilson and Mr. Feldman attended the meeting and presented a PowerPoint on the upcoming capital project. There are spacing issues in elementary schools. There are 700+ more kids starting in 2020. The district continues to grow at a rapid pace. The growth of the schools is not only asylum seekers, so they do not anticipate the growth will change with the new president change. The next steps are to put additions on 3 elementary schools instead of redoing Dexter Terrace because there is too much work to be done to bring up to code at Dexter. The district office will finalize the scope of the project in Summer 2025 and there will be a vote in December 2025 on the budget for the additions. (\$65-85 million dollar budget). Dr. Ginestre anticipates to break ground in 2027 for the additions. Heritage Heights will get two new classrooms added at the back of the school tentatively (1 UPK and 1 STEAM). Currently HH can have 507 students attend the school and the current enrollment is 439. Dr. Ginestre reported that the BLVD Mall is slotted to become housing, so the general residents (150-250 kids) will attend Sweet Home. Sweet Home's current enrollment is 3,825 students. The following is going to be recommended at the Board meeting on 1/14: All Sweet Home schools will have an additional 15 minutes of instructional time added on to their day next school year to meet the social and emotional needs of the students. The MS and HS will be bussed together and have new start times. MS will be 7:40am and HS will be 7:19am. The elementary schools will have a drop off time of 8:45am and end time of 3:15pm. He also reported that the poverty level at Sweet Home is currently 70%. Dr. Wilson reported that the Music Fest is on 2/1 @UB and some of the students from HH will be performing at it. Dr. Ginestre reported that Sweet Home is getting a new logo and he is asking the students of Sweet Home to design it. There will be a vote on May 20<sup>th</sup> at the Budget Board Meeting. The winner will receive a \$500 scholarship when they graduate HS, donated by the Dollars for Scholars.
  
  - b. Activity: Upcoming activity Night
    - i. Skating Party (Katie) – Confirmed: wear spirit wear and receive a gift
    - ii. Dance (Andrea and Katie) \$3 per child. Adults are free. Please return RSVPs by 1/24.

- iii. STEM Night (Leanne/teachers and Meggan)
- iv. Multicultural Night (ENL Teachers and Maria)
- v. Family Gathering (Maria, Meggan, Kristin)
- vi. Friendship Day (Andrea, Katie, Sara)

3. **Membership update** – Krista - no new updates  
a. *Plan for Improving PTA membership/volunteers*

4. **Fundraising update Treasurer update** – Brittany  
a. *Current balance - no new updates*

6. **Hospitality Update - Cindy**

- a. *Hospitality Days:*
- ~~i. 10/2 – Custodial Day – Done~~
  - ii. 2/3 – Counselor Day
  - iii. 4/22 - Bus Driver Day
  - iv. 4/23 - Secretary Day
  - v. 5/1 – Principal Day
  - vi. 5/2 – Lunch Hero Day
  - vii. 5/7 – Nurse Day
  - viii. 5/5 – 5/9 Teacher Appreciation

7. **Teacher Representative update:** Ms. Perry reported that the students completed their AIMS testing and they now can analyze data to make adjustments to their reading groups. STEM Night still needs a committee of teachers.

8. **Board Of Education update:** Dirk Rabenold reported that he is traveling to DC on 2/1 for the National Board Meeting- he has many questions for the DOE. He also reported that the PTA can select what photography company we would like to utilize for school pictures, if we weren't happy with the pictures this year.

9. **Open Forum:** THANK YOU to all of the volunteers who helped out at the Merry Moose Shop. Kristin Keller brought up the idea to have more parental involvement at HH and Dirk Rabenold agreed that it is very important. Katie Tawse asked what the science and social studies curriculum is at Sweet Home. Mr. Perry reported that we have Science Coaches working with the teachers. He also stated

that he wants to see more STEAM and that is where he believes the future is headed educationally. Katie is also going to reach out to Tracy C about Black History Month and implementing some of her ideas.

**Participants: Toyia Wilson (DO), Don Feldman (DO), Mike Ginestre (DO), Katie Mikos, Meggan Broomfield, Kristin Keller, Lindsey Perry, Krista Dietrich, Cindy Acara, Katie Tawse, Maria Frick, Dirk Rabenold (BOE), Antonio Perry, Hind Saleh Online: Lakeisha Perez, Leanne Zlotek, Andrea Clark**

**Next meeting: February 10, 2025 @5:30pm**