Monday, November 4, 2024

HKIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance

In-person:

Joyce Waterbury, PTO President	Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President	Kristy Hebert, PTO Treasurer
Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary	Dorothy Ventura, MS Principal	Eric Larson, IS Principal
Kelly Drajewicz		

Online:

Heather Persson, MS VP	Jamie Sierpinski	

Previous Business

- Motion to approve minutes made by Kristy, seconded by Julie P., no objections
- Received great feedback on Fall Festival and Extreme Science
- Question from Kelly D.: Can schools coordinate Halloween celebrations next year? Answer from Eric L.: Sometimes it works out and sometimes it doesn't; it is difficult to have celebrations in the morning and then expect to have the focus of the students

President's Report (Joyce W.) & Vice President's Report (Julie P.)

- Nothing additional to report

Treasurer's Report (Kristy H.)

- Really need to bring in funds with the Cougar Color Challenge as funds are very low

MS Principal's Report (Dorothy V.)

- First FunFlex occurred recently; town meeting; witches boot-themed costumes; students of the month; Cougar Awards; showcase by grade; Advisory (7 &8 goal setting; 6 following directions; ran out of time so will carry over to next time); surveyed teachers and they loved it; moving forward will happen 1-2 times per month
- Had more parents coming for conferences this year

IS Principal's Report (Eric L.)

- Thank you to PTO for all they are doing to help build our community, including Science assembly and Fall Festival
- Choice seating now available to 4th and 5th graders during lunch
- Surveys from parents will be reviewed 11/13 with school improvement committee
- Veterans coming in Friday
- Nicole: Suggestion-send kids to the benches for parent pickup to encourage cars to pull past the overhang and utilize the entire curb area

Committees

Spirit Wear & Teacher/Staff Appreciation

- Nothing to report

Welcome Wagon (Joyce reporting for Jen B.)

- One more welcome gift went out to a new student since last meeting

PTO Leadership

- Dates are not the same each month; some dates have been changed

Bus Driver Appreciation (Jamie S.)

- Working with Burr and KES; have $1000
- Rice Krispies Treat from Oh fudge; $10 gift card to Big Y maybe; treat after they return from their routes
- Jen will purchase everything and Kristy will cut a check

Cup Committee (Kelly D.)

- Need to remind people not to touch as there has been repeated damage to the display this fall

Yearbook

- Discount period has ended; many families took advantage of it; more books purchased at this point in the year than in years past

Book Fair (Nicole H.)

- Fall fair will run the first week of December, ending on Saturday, 12/7 after the craft fair
- Building use form has been submitted online
- Stephanie Ruth is co-chairing this year; thank you, Stephanie!
- Stephanie and Nicole had a long call with Rachel, our new Scholastic rep; she worked with us to customize the cases we will receive; have requested fewer preschool books and more middle grade

Cultural Arts (Julie P.)

- February event will be Backtrack Vocals
- Hoping to make more $ with Color Challenge so we can add another event on field day

Fundraising

- Cougar Color Challenge:
- Free socialization time maybe for MS home room prize; Mini-photo booth for IS
- Teacher reward will be $25 Scholastic Gift card
- Grand Prizes- Slime Battle; could use gym for whole school
- Quiet room & eye-wash center will be set up that day
- Adults will receive instructions on how to spray the powder so it's not going on faces
- Powder is only colored cornstarch
- Kids can leave backpacks along the edge of the fence
- Need tablecloths to protect the tables
- Nicole will add slots for 4 more volunteers for each grade so we have people refilling the powder bottles
- Julie is sorting/labeling all of the shirts tomorrow and will bring them to school for storage on Friday
- Shirts will stay at school until the day of the event

Veteran's Day (Shana Paladino)

- Nicole will repost the Signup Genius on Facebook

New Business

- Next meeting is Monday, December 2 at 7pm

Meeting adjourned 8:11pm by Joyce W.