Monday, February 10, 2025

HKIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance

Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President	Kristy Hebert, PTO Treasurer	Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary
Eric Larson, IS Principal	Dorothy Ventura, MS Principal	Heather Persson, MS VP
Cait Zinser		

Previous Business

- Motion to approve minutes made by Kristy H., seconded by Eric L., no objections
- Planning BINGO night for Friday 2/21, 6-7pm; Heather not available, Dorothy and Eric are willing to take turns calling numbers; principals will receive communication by Thursday to distribute to families; Dorothy requested a link to the app so they can ensure that it's operational

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

- Many parents are talking about how much sickness is going around the school amongst teachers, staff & students
- Nothing else to report

Treasurer's Report (Kristy H.)

- Employer matches still coming in from the Cougar Color Challenge
- Kristy is setting up direct deposit with Benevity (org that businesses use for corporate matches) to avoid their significant fees in the future

MS Principal's Report (Dorothy V. & Heather P.)

- Thank you for the Backtrack Vocals assembly; everyone loved it
- Hosted 1st aerial drone competition (16 teams)
- SpongeBob musical rehearsals are underway
- Nothing will change with scheduling for next year
- Attendance letters going out daily; hoping attendance improves after cold and flu season
- Placement test for French and Spanish so kids will have the option to take a higher level course
- PE class heart monitors for students; all privacy forms have been filed; will likely give parents an opt-out option

IS Principal's Report (Eric L.)

- Thank you for the Backtrack Vocals assembly
- Celebrated Reid Bobbie and Scarlett Lamb at CIAC Celebration of the Arts
- Hot Chocolate celebration for HKIS for raising the most money for Holiday Telethon; will serve on Valentine's Day and would like to request a couple of parent volunteers to assist
- New staff member: Adriana Leone; starting up a literacy lab for groups of approximately 10 kids to build reading comprehension
- Spirit week going on right now

Committees

Spirit Wear, Yearbook, Veteran's Day, PTO Leadership, Teacher/Staff Appreciation, Bus Driver Appreciation, Cup Committee, Book Fair

- Nothing to report

Welcome Wagon (Kristy for Jen B.)

- Kristy will check with Heather and Jen to make sure the new 8th and 6th graders have received a welcome package

Cultural Arts (Cait Z.)

- Focusing right now on finding an event for IS Field Day (280 kids) on June 4
- Bring in the Hoop event is a possibility; max of 20-25 kids being involved at a time; concerned that a performance wouldn't hold the attention of the kids; 3 hours–$649 as a station during field day; 45 min assembly–$600; Eric considering swapping AAFA with MS so Field Day could be longer in the morning

Fundraising

- Kristy requested that Eric and Dorothy include a "last call" message for Little Caesars in their communications this week

New Business

- Run Amuck: Julie and Nicole have been planning the event with HKYFS; didn't have a strong response to our survey, but hoping more people will respond when we send out a Signup Genius; settled on Sunday, June 1st as the event date
- Next meeting is Monday, **March 3** at 7 pm

Meeting adjourned 7:40 pm by Julie P.