Monday, April 7, 2025

HKIMS PTO Meeting Minutes

Attendance

In-Person:

Julie Peryga, PTO Vice President	Nicole Harlow, PTO Secretary	Eric Larson, IS Principal
Dorothy Ventura, MS Principal	Kelly Drajewicz	Alison Broder

Remote:

Heather Persson, MS VP		

Previous Business

- Motion to approve minutes made by Kelly D., seconded by Dorothy V., no objections
- Run Amuck: Have had no responses at all to emails sent to people who responded to the PTO survey last month expressing an interest in helping; Thank you to Heather for sending an email to the MS community today with the save-the-date and Signup Genius; Julie and Nicole have met approximately every two weeks with the HKYFS team about this event; all toured Parmelee Farm; will be using almost all of the areas available (except the wooded trails); two troops of Girl Scouts have each volunteered to adopt an obstacle; registration fee will be determined soon

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

- Nothing additional to report

Treasurer's Report (Kristy H.)

- Check for Little Caesar's in the PTO mailbox tonight
- Will be paying for snacks for middle school SBAC testing

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

- Excited to share special accomplishments outside of school at town meeting & Fun Flex this Friday
- Tour at HKHS after April break
- SBAC end of April
- Staff/student volleyball game May 2
- Student Council Dance May 2
- Dorothy and Heather will be duct-taped during lunch waves as part of Spark, mid-May
- 8th grade class night will hopefully be the night before high school graduation
- 8th grade excited for trip to Washington, D.C.; will lay wreath at tomb in Arlington Cemetery
- 8th grade class night on 6/10; awards ceremony and kickball tournament 6/11
- SpongeBob was a successful performance
- Thank you to the PTO for providing pie for Pi Day (12 pies from Bishops)
- Alison gave positive feedback for the MS mentoring of IS students program

IS Principal's Report (Eric L.)

- SBAC provides a lot of data about what our students are under-, over-, and on-target performing on; also teaches important test-taking skills
- Gearing Up this Thursday; program for 5th graders moving up to 6th
- 3rd grade parent info night 4/23; will visit the schools after that and then kids come to HKIS in May
- April 23 is administrative assistant day; Alison will buy flowers

- Ann O'Brien is retiring; she is so valued and will be hard to find a replacement for her
- 5th grade step up June 9, 9:15 am rain or shine; ceremony in the morning; picnic afterwards during the school day (rain date for picnic is 6/10)

Committees

Bus Driver Appreciation, PTO Leadership, Spirit Wear, Veteran's Day, Welcome Wagon

- Nothing to report

Book Fair (Nicole H.)

- May 19-22 to overlap with AAFA night on 5/22
- Wanted to address the concerns of MS teachers that there aren't enough options for their readers; Nicole and Stephanie worked with our rep Rachel Payne to customize our fair to better fit with the grades and reading levels appropriate to our school; will be receiving a larger than usual fair that includes 6 cases for middle school readers (one is a YA case), 3 middle grade cases, a teen table top and a preschool/early reader tabletop
- Each student will have $5 to spend at the fair, using PTO Scholastic Dollars

Cultural Arts (Julie P. For Cait Z.)

- Planning on Bring the Hoopla as part of June 4 HKIS Field Day

Cup Committee (Kelly D.)

- Design Ideas: paw prints, HK logo in white circle and blue circle, "cougars" with cougar silhouette
- Student made hand-drawn sign to keep people from touching the cups; Kelly is looking into having it printed on a small banner so it stays weather proof; Nicole suggested printing two and attaching them back to back on each side of the fence
- April 22, 25 or 30 (gold days) are best for having student help

Fundraising

- Considering Color Run October 24; Dorothy doesn't think students need to be surveyed–they will want to do it again; everyone has ideas for how to make it more orderly next time; Kelly suggested QR code to Google form for sponsors (flyers went in backpacks at Burr and was much less work for the committee)

Teacher/Staff Appreciation (Alison B.)

- May 6 Ice Cream Emergency 10:45 AM–12:45 PM; still needs check for $895 for that date
- Will ask parents to donate snacks to put in the break rooms for later in the week; will share Signup Genius soon

Yearbook (Nicole H.)

- Nicole is stepping down as Yearbook Editor after 6 years; it would be ideal to find a team of people
- Custom pages are due April 30

New Business

- Next meeting is the last meeting of the school year: Monday, **May 5** at 7 pm
- Elections for Executive Board will happen during this meeting
- Need volunteers to lead committees next year: Fundraising, Yearbook, Staff Appreciation, Welcome Wagon, possibly others

Meeting adjourned 8:15 pm by Julie P.