**HYES PTO MINUTES**

**Highland and Yalesville Elementary Schools**

**Date: March 8, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Place: Yalesville Elementary School**

**Attendees: See below Call to Order: 6:33pm**

**Executive Committee Reports**

 Presidents’ Report-Donna/Dee-

 Vice Presidents’ Report-Shannon– not present, call if needed

(from Dee) Mixed Bags was done in the fall. Spring catalogs were ordered due to a misunderstanding. We are working on figuring out if they can be sent back.

 Treasurers’ Report- Mary Beth/Megan-

* Box Tops—about $780 for both schools, $50 credit from Kleenex Box Tops; one more submission in early June
* Sweetheart Dance—over $3,000
* Spirit Wear—about even

Secretaries’ Report- Kelly-

* Approval of last month’s minutes—Nick and Tracy

**Highland Teacher Rep Report – Ms.Denya/Mrs. Hajjar-**

STAR assessments started and are challenging

Reading program has started and the kids are excited; Activities for Literacy Night (3/24) have been determined. YES will lend a BINGO set to Highland for this event.

Spirit Wear was delivered today.

Ms Denya mentioned that there’s $400 budgeted for Literacy and Math Nights at Highland. Curious as to why YES receives more money for one night. Dee has clarified—Highland never uses the full budget. (Last year $500 was available, but less than $300 was used.) Money can be moved around for next year. Moving forward—budget should be shared with teachers on committees

**Yalesville Teacher Rep Report-Mrs.Mezzi/Mrs.Kiertz–**

 Enrichment classes have started; kids are excited

 Planners—looking into a new company; 3rd grade team likes layout of another company’s planner; waiting to see if the 4th and 5th grade planners from this company will work.

 Variety Show—21 acts

**Principal’s Report Highland – Ms. Reed- (report from Mrs. Hajjar)**

“Racing to Read” program is nearing completion. 3,400—3,600 minutes read each week. Culmintation will be assembly and family night (3/24).

Garden—girl scouts to work on garden

Parent volunteers needed to paint a mural on the cafeteria wall—meeting to be held in the library 3/22 4:00

Incoming K orientation--5/3

K-kids—collecting care kits for children undergoing chemo

**Principal’s Report Yalesville – Mrs. Poisson**

 Learning Parade was amazing. Members present included Dr. Menzo, Mayor Dickinson, Sheehan cheerleaders and band members, DJ; over 100 pictures are posted on the WPS Library Facebook page.

K-Kids fundraiser for clerk’s website in memory of her late son. $250 raised from sale of Valentine’s pencils.

3/19 National Let’s Laugh Day—jokes are posted throughout the school

Upcoming assessments—STAR, SBAC, 5th Grade CMT. Details to be sent to parents.

Invention Convention –Toyota Oakdale, next week

Connecticut Association of Schools Dinner–Ms Reed and Mrs. Poisson will be recognizing Dee Ferry and Donna Button, as well as Chris Brint, for their significant volunteering efforts.

YES is being recognized as a “School of Distinction”—based on success of students who were struggling

Food Share Table: regulations are still not firmed up at a state level; food that’s collected is to be sent to Masters Manna; waiting for more details

**Committee Reports**

Field Day—shirt orders will be going out next week

Car Raffle—Donna to sell tickets at the Variety Show, Mary Beth and Megan will sell during Highland’s Family Nights (3/24, 4/20)

 Mrs. Poisson will email parents about the car raffle tickets being sold at school events.

McDonald’s Night -$353 was actually made, but $450 was donated to PTO because the night was such a success; Marsha will be the chairperson for next year; responsibilities include scheduling the date/dates (contact regional rep and check with principals), copying and distributing flyers. Sinead and Allison will coordinate teachers’ shifts.

SkyZone—next Wednesday

Book Fair—Dates TBD, possible conflict with Plant Sale (5/8-12) at Highland.

 Ané will look into confirmation of dates and possibly switching the book fair dates.

**Other Business/Questions**

Recent email scam—emails are being sent to PTO treasurers as if they were from PTO presidents. Requests for checks are being made. DO NOT trust emails asking for checks!

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 18, at Yalesville @6:30pm. (PTAC)**

**End: 7:58**

**Attendees:**

Dee Ferry

Sandy Kiertz

Sinéad Mezzi

Debra Hajjar

Ané Miller

Chris Brint

Tracy Tyrrell

Kelly Rainey

Nick Passariello

Mary Poisson

Donna Button

Megan Malanson

Mary Beth Francy