**HYES PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools**

**Date:  December 13, 2017**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Place: Highland Elementary School**

**Attendees:  See attached Sheet                                Call to Order:  7:24pm**

**PTAC**

**Executive Committee Reports**

Presidents’ Report- Chris/Nilvio-

Penguin Patch Holiday Shop- Nilvio- Fritz done (took in $5382.62/PTO took in $850). HES still going on ($4214). Thanks to teachers, staff, and parent volunteers. Highland has lots of points to spend. FES bought table, games, pencils, pens, etc with their points. Next year will put link on our website. (Con, not all items on site are available for our store. Pro, parents informed.)

Mixed Bags- Chris- are in. Pick up tomorrow from 5-7pm. Delayed in getting here due to company located in CA (and fires).

Sweetheart Dance- Chris- WE NEED HELP. Shannon is going in for surgery soon (1/19) and cannot do this alone as in years past. May not physically be able to a lot of this. Look for donations for raffle items now. Shannon has a list for prior donations. Deb H volunteered to put baskets together. Nilvio and Chris will accept donations now. Discussion of raffle tickets: can we sell X# of tickets for X$. Nilvio reported he set it that way. NO writing on tickets. We will have number blocks and just write the person’s name. (FYI- next yr. state will not require raffle registration, but town will.) Will continue Beanie Boos at dance, Kelly will contact Mr.D’s.

Fundraiser Deposits- concerns about getting checks in a timely manner. If chairing a fundraiser- need to get money to treasurers quickly, and deposited quickly.

Vice President’s Report-Shannon/Ane-

Treasurers’ Report- Marybeth/Megan-

* Review treasurer’s report

Secretaries’ Report- Lynn/Kelly

* Approval of last month’s minutes- Chris/Nilvio

Principal’s Report Highland – Ms. Reed- Will be having an assembly here, and marionettes in April, Read and Rock and Roll band in March (long term library substitute planning this.) Town meetings have been continuing, addressing concerns students feel is in the building. Now focus is on kindness- most recently, empathy. Using cafeteria wall for a display of shoes based on book Stand In My Shoes.

Students are very excited for holidays. Love going to Holiday Shop. Staff member, Linda, who was a food service person passed away last week.

Principal’s Report Fritz – Mrs. Poisson – Several staff members got Parent Choice Awards. Great event. K-kids non-perishable food donations were picked up last week. Holiday cards are being created now for Masonic. Next month will do PJ day for CCMC. In Jan, before next PTO mtg grade 5 will do friends and family CPR training, Vision Screenings, and Greg Tang will be back at SHS for family math night.

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

Ms. Denya, Mrs. Colonese, Mr. Green, Mrs. Nicefaro, Mrs. Guilante got nominated.

Craft Fair-went well. SOS- NEED VOLUNTEERS SOONER. 6 parent volunteers for two combined schools. (Last yr had 13 volunteers.) Apple crisp only had 2 ppl volunteer (Donna and Dee). Thoughts are next year to get word out earlier. Think about sports teams volunteering to get community service hours. It’s a community even, can we reach out to community to volunteer. Boy Scouts were great help. Chris will look to see if kitchen made any money. Having food is a draw to come here. Carol Eager retired 17yrs ago and does all the behind the scenes stuff, but is now done. We will send flowers and a thank you to her as he has run the craft fair for many yrs.

K-Kids painted rocks and will be working on wording. Will put them out in spring. Kids also made fleece scarfs to be donated to Master’s Manna. Will donate to Wlfd, not New Haven.

Lisa T said we can donate food to Master’s Manna to workers there. (Many workers are their clients.) Can also consider donating to the Senior Center.

Fritz Teacher Rep Report-Mrs.Mezzi/Ms. Tyrrell– Mrs. Mezzi reports teachers thanks you for parent choice awards. Teachers have been receiving their Scholastic items. Coat Drive is ongoing. 3rd grade is going gingerbread and pj day next week.

Project Fit America-Tracy-Tony Lumis wellness coordinator for district has donated Rock Hill for this. $25k possible for Rock Hill, but each school can get $1k. Vote each day. Some kids will make a poster.

**Committee Reports**

Gift Card Fundraiser- Megan- about $850.

**Other Business/Questions**

Chris- Reminder PTO elections are in May. Anyone interested needs to let us know in writing from March 1st thru April 11th.

**Next Meeting:  Wednesday, 1/10 @ FES @6:30**

**End:  8:23pm**

Attendees:

Megan Malason

Mary Beth Francy

Nilvio Perez

Lynn LaValley

Natasha Mondes

Rebecca Carr

Tammy Raccio

Tracy Tyrrell

Sarah Lindberg

Kelly Rainey

Allison Denya

Debbie Hajjar

Sinead Mezzi

Ane Miller

Mary Poisson

Chris Brint