**HYES PTO Meeting Minutes**

**Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools**

**Date:  May 9, 2018**

**Time: 6:30 pm**

**Meeting Place: Fritz Elementary School**

**Attendees:  See attached Sheet                                Call to Order:  6:35pm**

**VOTING FOR BOARD 2018-2019**

Voting was done; counted by teachers and verified by Ms Reed

Co-presidents—Nilvio Perez and Allison Scott

Vice-presidents—Ané Miller and Nick Passariello (also Webmaster)

Treasurer—Megan Malanson

Secretaries—Lynn LaValley and Kelly Rainey

**Executive Committee Reports**

Presidents’ Report- Chris/Nilvio-

* Field Day planning is running smoothly. T-shirts will be here soon.
* Nilvio reached out for the movie night. As it stands, there isn’t availability for a G-rated movie, so a Mother-Son event cannot happen at the movie theater. In September a committee will be formed for an event for 2018-2019.
* Question about how an event is run. Committees need to have a chairperson, who must be a PTO member. Need to find out if a permit is necessary, crowd manager, etc. Organize volunteers, print flyers. Some events are more labor intensive than others.
* McTeacher Night—no availability at McDonald’s for this year, so we will look to book it next year.

Vice President’s Report-Shannon/Ané-

* Book Fair—both completed and did well. Highland’s was cut short due to lack of volunteers on the final day; no revisits.
* Lisa Teodosio is willing to call all parents to join PTO.
* Question: During school events, can we get high schoolers to volunteer at our events? It would need to be after school.
* Plant Sale—Highland’s plant sale needed to be cut short for lack of volunteers.

Treasurers’ Report- Marybeth/Megan-

* Check requests have been coming in. Deadline is June 30th for check requests. Many fieldtrips have been covered. Money counter was purchased. Unplanned expenses—5 retirements.
* June 1st—deadline for classroom reimbursements due
* Review treasurer’s report

Secretaries’ Report- Lynn/Kelly

Approval of last month’s minutes –Nick and Debbie Hajjar

Principal’s Report Highland – Ms. Reed-

* K orientation was successful, lots of good questions from parents.
* Pre-K—NIAC accreditation visit
* Librarian interviews done today

Principal’s Report Fritz – Mrs. Poisson – SBAC winding down, 2/3 of the classes are done

* Gr 4 parents at Nature’s Classroom presentation; looking to have the NC staff come to meet the kids and teach the kids more about their program
* Yard Goats Baseball Game—fieldtrip on Wed, 5/17, 400 tickets, including Dr. Menzo
* David Mensher, Food Services Director—wants to get involved in the district, even beyond food services. Wants to give kids what they want. Email recently went out to survey parents; looking to better the program. Five school meal choices—hot entrée (today’s was cheesy breadsticks)
  + Lots of waste coming from the kids’ lunches. Solution is to sell cut up fruit. Government rule is that kids have to take the fruit option, but many are throwing it out.
  + Cereal is a popular option in the district. Package comes with snack and juice, protein—cheese stick and yogurt (no high fructose syrup).
  + Sandwich with sunbutter, as a meat alternative.
  + Pizza is a popular option; it runs every day.
  + Bagel and yogurt plate
  + Meal pay—electronic system. Looking into a scan code for elementary students in order to speed up the lunch lines and allow more time for eating.
  + Question about snacks being eaten instead of the meal. Different rules at different schools.
  + Question about Styrofoam and packaging; are we looking at more environmentally friendly options? No, as biodegradable trays are 4x the cost.
  + Email—food services email is on the website for parents to send questions and suggestions
  + Comment about Moran—kids think portion size is too small

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

Teachers have been enjoying the staff appreciation week and are very thankful.

Fritz Teacher Rep Report-Ms.Mezzi/Ms. Tyrrell–

* Teachers have been enjoying the staff appreciation week and are very thankful. Teachers are happy to get more Scholastic money to spend for their classrooms.
* Thank you to the PTO for allowing the Enrichment Program to continue.
* Variety Show went well—24 acts, teacher video in the beginning was well received; video of show will be shown on Field Day

**Committee Reports**

Movies and Me- Nilvio- No G rated movie in May. Will form committee for next year.

**Other Business/Questions**

Box Tops—new chairperson needed—Lisa Teodosio, with the help of Mary Ellen

**Next Meeting:  Wednesday, 6/13/ @ FES. PTAC/PTO @6:30**

**End:  8:06pm**

**Attendance:**

Kelly Rainey

Nick Passariello

Chris Brint

Victoria Reed

Mary Poisson

Megan Malanson

Mary Beth Francy

Shannon Sorvillo

Mary Ellen Sansone

Ané Miller

Sinéad Mezzi

Debbie Hajjar

Allison Denya

Tracy Tyrrell