

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 12/13/23

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Highland Library

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:43pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretaries' Report - Kelly Rainey and Erica Vitale

Review of minutes - approved by Tanya White and Deb Hajjar

Presidents' Report - Allison Scott and Erin Huckle

- **Sweetheart Dance -**
 - Followed up with Sheehan regarding volunteers; Guidance Office will post PTO's request for students interested in helping with face painting/tattoos. Students will have to contact the PTO if interested.
 - Dj, balloons, flowers (Green Petal), photo booth - all set
 - Game room - tic tac toe, Jenga, and corn hole
 - Sign-up Genius for snacks/drinks
 - Valentine Grams to be sent out the week of the dance to cover the lost revenue from raffles not being done.
- Highland Closet - to be cleaned out in January.

Vice Presidents' Report - Stephanie Sheades and Tanya White

- **QU Basketball** - Google form went out after Thanksgiving; so far we have 118 tickets requested from chorus and 232 for staff and families - 350 total. Form will close 12/22
- **Yale University Women's Hockey** - looking into possibly for next year; Yale is offering free tickets for certain games
- **Bingo Night** - Google form will be sent out to see how many people will be attending
 - bingo cards will be ordered
 - 5 raffle prizes, tickets will be \$1 each
 - will be selling juice, water, and chips - \$1 each

Treasurer's Report - Priscilla Upchurch and Erica Ung

- **Opening balance:** \$39,896.56; **Closing balance:** \$37,841.25
- Taxes were prepared and filed - \$750.00

Principal's Report Highland-Emily Banach

- Families came for American Education Week
- Canned Drive ended
- Girl Scouts hosted a winter drive and did VERY well
- Sock Donations were collected.
- Play-Doh Donations were collected.
- Tile mosaic project for lobby
- Universal Screening coming up
- Report Cards were sent out last week
- Holiday spirit week, next week
- Consultant from Center for Model Schools has been walking through the schools

Principal's Report Fritz-Eric Carbone

- Thank you for the donations from PJ Day!
- Thank you to the chaperones for recent field trips.
- Thank you to families who have donated to Fritz Cares.
- Toyota of Wallingford donated \$1,000
- Holiday Spirit Week is next week (Thurs-PJ Day, Fri-White Out)
- K-Kids-caroling at Masonic; selling candy cane grams
- Learning Program-biography related; Wax Museum on Monday, March 4th. As you leave, you can scan a QR code to answer questions about what you learned.
- Night at the Museum 3-viewed at Sheehan as a field trip

Highland Teacher Rep Report -Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar

- Lots of Play-Doh was delivered to the hospital.
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Fritz Teacher Rep Report -

Committee Reports -

- **Gift Card Fundraiser**
 - Gift Cards were distributed 12/11; we made \$367.47
- **Holiday Store -**
 - The board voted to not have the holiday store this year. It will be revisited next year.
- **Craft Fair -**
 - Thank you to Miss Denya, Ms. Hajjar, the vendors and volunteers for all of their hard work! We made \$3,074.65!

- Notes for next year–no tables offered to crafters; we might consider larger spaces for the crafters (Deb will work on a design–gym will have “marketspace” type set-ups (\$70?), cafeteria will have standard 6 ft table spaces (\$50?); advertise on Nextdoor.com (5 weeks/about \$80); canned goods to be donated by people who shop the fair.

Other Business/Questions

Next Meeting: 1/10/24

End: 7:26pm

Attendees:

Eric Carbone

Emily Banach

Tanya White

Erica Vitale

Erin Huckle

Allison Denya

Debbie Hajjar

Charlotte Stopa

Tara Lotzen

Sarah Lindberg

Kelly Rainey