

HYES PTO Meeting **MINUTES**
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: **02/08/23**

Time: **following 6:30pm PTAC Meeting**

Meeting Place: **Fritz Library/ meet.google.com/tyn-ygqt-qdo**

Attendees: **See attached**

Call to Order: **7:02pm**

Executive Committee Reports

Secretaries' Report-Kelly Rainey and Erica Ung

- Review of minutes--approved by Juliette Buccilli and Debbie Hajjar

Presidents' Report-Allison Scott

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Vice Presidents' Report- Allison Scott

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Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch/Sharon Bertrand

- Opening balance \$41,181.72; closing balance \$38,273.89
- The PTO purchased a sound system for Highland - \$2,900

Principal's Report Highland-Emily Banach

- Thank you to the PTO for the sound system. It is awesome!!!!
- Looking to do a cultural assembly, in person.
- Celebrating Black History Month
- Valentines Day coming up--keeping low key
- TOY/POY process is underway
- Teachers have been listening to podcast, "Sold a Story" for PD
- TJ Jemison visited last week--math PD
- Intervention groups started
- Staff evaluations have started

Principal's Report Fritz-Eric Carbone

- Thank you to those who helped with K-Kids drive for Animal Shelter
- Class placement letters will be accepted before the deadline; if sibling had a negative experience with a certain teacher, that request can be honored; teachers can not be requested by name.

- Emily Banach will be visiting Fritz to observe the 3rd grade teachers, in order to better place the incoming 3rd graders in their classes.
- OLSAT scores will be shared with parents; shows how students think/apptitude
- 2/16 and 2/17—early release

Highland Teacher Rep Report –Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar

- K-Kids have been really busy—learning about homelessness in order to understand why they are working to help the homeless; teaching kids to show how they are one part of a larger puzzle. Made hot cocoa cups for the shelter.
- Art Walk 3/23
- Family Literacy Night—details coming

Fritz Teacher Rep Report -Tracy Tyrrell/Katie Davis

- Nature Day - started planning; the day has been approved by the PTO
 - Critter Caravan and Common Ground
 - Early June
 - 5th grade only
- Parents—please fill out the permission slips for the Family Life Talks
- Heart Association –fundraiser coming up
- In-a-Heartbeat
- Yearbook—2/28 deadline
- Field Day—PTO will be purchasing t-shirts for all students; food will be provided by the cafeteria

Committee Reports

- Spirit Wear - currently running from 01/30 - 02/13; Priscilla reached out to another company for the upcoming year. Will update
- Butter Braids - 02/27 - 03/13; pick up 03/29 @ 5:30 at Fritz
- Quinnipiac Basketball Game - Highland and Fritz day at Quinnipiac Sunday, 02/26 @ 2:00 pm. There will be a halftime activity for our students. We are providing up to 600 free tickets - currently 233 tickets have been requested
- Sweetheart Dance - 500 attendees, 33 raffle prizes (bring cash!), Ulbrich basketball contests in 4th grade hallway, lacrosse coaches will be here to advertise, town businesses have been very generous (kids will send thank you cards)

Other Business/Questions

- Bingo Night—committee is working on details. Need to find a date!
- Soccer Night—possibly in the fall

Next Meeting: 03/08/23

End: 8:03pm

Attendees:

Priscilla Upchurch

Erica Vitale

Peter Ferguson-Russell

Eric Carbone

Emily Banach

Sharon Bertrand

Allison Scott

Natasha Mendes

Tanya White

Joanne Nottingham

Kelly Rainey

Debbie Hajjar

Tracy Tyrrell

Sarah Lindberg

Juliette Buccilli

Stephanie Sheades

Katie Davis

Robert Stacy

Erin Bickelhaupt