

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 2/7/24

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Fritz Library

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:43

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretaries' Report - Kelly Rainey and Erica Vitale

Review of minutes - approved by Juliette Buccilli and Deb Hajjar

Presidents' Report - Allison Scott and Erin Huckle

- Sweetheart Dance update
 - Profits - \$690
 - Pending expenses - Blow Pops
 - Survey was sent to parents for feedback
 - Photo Protocol needs to be established so that students who are on the "no photo" list are not in photos.
 - Leftover snacks will be donated to the schools for students who don't have snacks at school
- Fritz book fair 3/26-3/28 - Erin will run the fair. Butter Braid pick up is 3/28 at Fritz; pick-up will be in the library, alongside the book fair. Erin will break down the fair Thursday night.

Vice Presidents' Report - Stephanie Sheades and Tanya White

- Bingo Night -
 - We had a great turn out and lots of fun! 170 attendees; Highland winner was treated to lunch with Mrs. Banach and a friend. Fritz winner hasn't had his lunch yet. Raffle baskets were well received.
 - Popcorn Machine - \$450 estimate; should we invest in one?
 - We made \$373.83

Treasurer's Report - Priscilla Upchurch and Erica Ung

Opening balance: \$38,028.97

Closing balance: \$36,353.60

Major expenses - Sweetheart Dance items

Principal's Report Highland - Emily Banach

- Cultural Event is being worked on.

- 100th Day was celebrated today!
- Black History Month and Lunar New Year–librarian
- Mid-year evals are being done
- Trip for 1st and 2nd graders–Center for Innovation and Design (at Fritz)
- 2/8 and 2/16–early release

Principal’s Report Fritz-Eric Carbone

- K-kids collected for the Animal Shelter
- Placement letters have been sent
- Two students were recognized for excellence in art
- 3/4–Learning Program
- Leftover breakfast/lunch food to be donated to Masters Manna

Highland Teacher Rep Report -Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar

- Soup Collection– “Souper” Bowl
- K-kids–Cups of Love–decorated cups with positive notes, hot cocoa (extra packets are in the closet), marshmallows, spoon
- Literacy Committee–Wild about Reading; proposal will be sent about a purchasing a button machine; looking into critter programs (Curious Creatures)
- Variety Show–fliers are out; 4/19 (4/17 rehearsal) at Sheehan

Fritz Teacher Rep Report -

- 4th and 5th–puberty talks
- Yearbooks–grade 5 parents need to send in baby pictures; shout outs collected soon
- PJs–donations for CCMC
- Literacy Program–Mrs. McCall will be sending info soon

Committee Reports

- **Butter Braids -**
 - Runs from 2/22 - 3/7; delivery will be 03/28 at Fritz
 - Flyers will be sent home the week of 02/19

Other Business/Questions

- Digital payment option? Business Venmo?
- Staff Appreciation–plans will start next month

Next Meeting: 3/6/24

End: 7:36pm

Attendees:

Kelly Rainey

Allison Scott

Priscilla Upchurch

Stephanie Sheades

Eric Carbone

Emily Banach

Erica Vitale

Peter Ferguson-Russell

Tracy Tyrrell

Sarah Lindberg

Tara Lotzen

Juliette Buccilli

Deb Hajjar

Allison Denya

Rachel Gargiullo

Joanne Nottingham

Erin Huckle