HYES PTO Meeting **MINUTES**

Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: **September 11th, 2019** Time: **6:30 pm**

Meeting Place: **Fritz Elementary School**

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

**Executive Committee Reports**

**Presidents’ Report-Nilvio Perez/Allison Scott**

* Introductions
* PTO Mission--
  + The PTO works closely with the schools to promote the welfare of every child with respect to physical, mental, and social education.
  + All decisions are made with the whole child in mind.
  + The PTO raises money to promote educational and social programs.
* PTO scheduled events--review of events on flyer, with the addition of the craft fair (Dec 7th)
* Vote on changes to bylaws--unanimous vote in favor of adding article XII

**Vice Presidents’ Report- Ané Miller/Nick Passariello**

**Nick**

* Fall Fundraiser Update--$600/700 so far in online sales
* Website update - flyers will be posted in the Virtual Backpack

**Ané**

* Fritz Book Fair is running at Fritz.
* Mixed Bags (now Boon Supply)
  + going out at the end of next week
  + incentive prizes included this year (keychains)
* Mixed Bags-Should we do the fundraiser in the spring?
  + No participation prizes.
  + Only option is online.
  + People would pay for the shipping, and receive items directly.

**Secretaries’ Report-Kelly Rainey/Tracy Shortell**

New this year--meetings will start with a review of the last meeting’s minutes.

**Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch**

* Review of budget
* Square Up--membership dues are being paid online
* Camera was purchased; stored in library

**Principal’s Report Highland-Vickie Reed**

* Great first couple of weeks
* Author, Susan Verde, will visit for a school-wide assembly next week
* Star testing started in grades 1 and 2
* Wallingford Jubilee 350--
  + Every school will have a float in the parade.
  + Details need to be discussed at upcoming meetings. (Standing agenda item.)
  + Guidelines were distributed.
* Ice Cream Social--9/27, with Book Fair open that night
* Collecting donations for hurricane victims

**Principal’s Report Fritz-Eric Carbone**

* Great start to the year
* Kids are being treated like young adults
* High five heroes are being given out to earn a hat day. (focus: kindness)
* All drills have been practiced.
* Gator Gazette is full of important info--please read!
* New--Using Facebook to share what’s going on in the school
* Open House--Sept 12th
* Picture Day--Sept 26th

**Highland Teacher Rep Report -Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar**

* Review of change in classroom reimbursements and Staff Appreciation.
* Fabulous start at Highland. Kids are adjusting well.
* Parents appreciate the folders purchased by PTO.
* Craft Fair volunteers are needed! 26 vendor forms have come in so far.
* K-kids starts next month for grades 1 and 2.

**Fritz Teacher Rep Report -Tracy Tyrrell/Katie Davis**

* Smooth opening
* Learning committee met this week. Planning is underway.
  + “If it’s not wow, it’s not worth it!” --Mrs. McCall
* K-kids will be starting in the next couple of weeks.
* Chorus will be starting/Play rehearsal forms were sent home; auditions 9/23
* Nature’s Classroom (Nov 20-22)--paperwork was sent to students who hadn’t signed up yet. Parents can ask Mrs. McCall or Miss Tyrrell questions about the trip.

**Committee Reports**

* Fall Plant Sale--Flyers will be going out soon.
  + Orders will be delivered to Fritz on Oct 8th, for pick up after school.
* MaryEllen will chair Box Tops--Continue to send in clipped Box Tops, but also download the app and scan receipts (within 2 wks) for digital Box Tops.
* Highland Bookfair--need new chairperson for 2020
* Highland Ice Cream Social
  + Katie Davis will chair the Ice Cream Social next year.
  + New chair will be needed the following year. If someone is able to co-chair next year, this would help with the transition for 2021.
* Nicole Scinto will chair Monster Mash--Friday, Oct. 18th, 6-8 at Sheehan
* Jill Grabowski will chair Spirit Wear.

**Other Business/Questions**

* Mrs. McCall--slideshow presentation of Back to School picnic photos to thank the PTO for the camera that was purchased. “Our camera is awesome!”
* Articles of Association were voted on and approved by the board.
* Non-Discrimination Policy was voted on and approved by the board.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 9th at Fritz (following 6:30pm PTAC)**

**End: 7:29pm**

**Attendees:**

Nilvio Perez

Allison Scott

Ané Miller

Nicholas Passariello

Priscilla Upchurch

Kelly Rainey

Tracy Shortell

Eric Carbone

Vickie Reed

Debbie Hajjar

Allison Denya

Tracy Tyrrell

Katie Davis

Laura McCall

MaryEllen Sansone

Jill Grabowski

Kim Levine

Nicole Scinto

Elizabeth Murphy

Jeanette Resto

Chris Brint