HYES PTO Meeting **MINUTES**

Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: **November 13th, 2019**

Time: **6:30pm**

Meeting Place: **Highland Elementary School**

Attendees: **See attached sheet**

Call to Order: 6:30pm

**Executive Committee Reports**

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

Review of minutes--approved by Nick and Deb

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

At an Executive Board Meeting prior to tonight’s meeting, the following was voted on.

* Sensory Kits--PTO approved to fund up to $1,500 for Fritz to have sensory kits in each classroom. This will be for start-up only; therefore, the school, administrators, and teachers will be responsible for upkeep and replacement (either this year or in future years). Mr. Carbone has agreed, so the kits can be purchased immediately.
* Sensory Hallway--PTO approved to fund up to $300 for Fritz. Mr. Carbone has approval from district. Ramp hallway outside of courtyard will be used.
* Sound System--PTO approved to fund $1,230 for a sound system for Fritz. Katie Robison will take care of ordering.

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

Raise Craze has not been looked into yet, but Nick will look into it.

**Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch**

* Opening/Closing Balance--approx $23,700/$37,000
* Monster Mash, Plant Sale, Book Fair Totals--approx $1,600/$1,000/$2,900
* All fundraisers/events have exceeded what we’ve budgeted for, with the exception of the Fall Fundraiser, where we were $2,000 short. Back to School Picnic also fell short.
* Gift Card Fundraiser Update--only one order so far; form to be updated and redistributed

**Principal’s Report Highland-Vickie Reed (reported by Deb Hajjar)**

* Veteran’s Day Assembly was a success. Students sang patriotic songs

and shared facts about veterans and working dogs.

* Holiday for Giving Food Drive--kick off after Thanksgiving break
* Math Night was rescheduled and held last week--families enjoyed

practicing their skills through math/stem activities.

* Town Meeting--shared what students are grateful for; display is in cafe.
* Ms. Reed is at the Association of International Schools conference in Africa from 11/14-26. Highland students have written pen pal letters and made a video to be shared with students in South Africa.

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

**Thank You**

* PTO for conference snacks
* Mrs. Devaney and the students who helped with the Center for Innovation and Design opening
* Monster Mash volunteers
* Grade 3 volunteers - Halloween
* Veteran’s Day Committee and those who attended

**K-Kids**

* Jeans for Troops $135 to GI Go Fund
* Ribbons for Vets - $220 - VFW of Wallingford

**American Education Week**

* Week of November 18th
* Lunch Sign up
* Classroom Visitation schedule shared

**Nature’s Classroom and Not-Nature’s Classroom**

* November 20 - 22nd for grade 5
* Depart drop off 8:00 - 8:30 side lot
* Pick up after 2 pm - front loop

**Report Cards**

* End of year expectations
* See teachers with questions
* Dec. 4th

**Upcoming School-Wide Dates**

* Nov. 14th - Wacky Hair Day
* Nov. 18 - 22 - American Education Week
* Nov. 20 - 22 - NC/Not NC Grade 5
* Nov. 26 - Grade 5 K Kids Meeting
* Nov. 27 - Early Dismissal for Thanksgiving Recess
* Dec. 4 - Report Cards

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

* 54 kids in K-kids; over 200 cans of Play-Doh was collected in drive. Today was “World Kindness Day.” Deb read a book, Be Kind. Working with kids on acknowledging how people feel and empathy.
* STAR assessment window--December

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

* PTO will fund Fritz cultural event- American Ninja Warrior-Drew Dreschel typically $500/school-but if split with Rock Hill only $375/ school. Tracy Tyrrell will schedule for the spring.
* K-kids has started. All students met the first time, but only one grade at a time will meet at future monthly meetings.

**Committee Reports**

* Holiday Shoppe - Fritz - Dec 3-6; Highland Dec 10-12
  + Boxes have arrived at Fritz and will arrive at Highland next week.
* Boon Supply/ Mixed Bags brought in about $2300
* $329.50 in Box Tops redeemed
* Craft Fair--down 7-9 crafters. Kitchen help and custodian are all set. Record Journal misprinted the date as Dec 1st, so they will be advertising it correctly for the next few weeks. Volunteers are still needed. High schoolers can get community service hours; guidance needs to approve first.
* Butter Braids--Same company as pies. Ané will get contact info; Priscilla will chair.
* Monster Mash--made $1,600
  + New DJ this year--suggestion was made to change things up with games/contests next year
  + Ideas for making food line run smoother were discussed
  + Many volunteers didn’t show up.

**Other Business/Questions**

* Wallingford Jubilee 350--no new updates discussed
* Box Tops--MaryEllen registered online and will take care of the next submission in March.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 11th**

**Highland, following the 6:30pm PTAC Meeting**

**End: 7:21pm**

**Attendees:**

Priscilla Upchurch Allison Scott Tracy Shortell

Ané Miller Debbie Hajjar Kelly Rainey

MaryEllen Sansone Nilvio Perez Eric Carbone

Katie Davis Nicole Scinto Nicholas Passariello