HYES PTO Meeting **MINUTES**

Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: **January 8th, 2020**

Time: **6:30pm**

Meeting Place: **Fritz Elementary School**

Attendees: **See attached sheet**

Call to Order: 6:30pm

**Executive Committee Reports**

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

* Review of minutes--Nov.’s meeting (Dec--cancelled due to snow.)

Approved by Nilvio and Deb

* Review of Fundraiser Survey results--parents are overwhelmed with fundraisers and want to see fewer of them, especially upfront. We will cancel Yankee Candle this year and discuss fewer options for next year.
* Facebook Updates/Emails--Eric has been posting on our PTO page. In an effort for parents of Highland students to see what is going on with their children, Vickie will look into getting someone to update our Facebook page.

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

* Winter Newsletter--change order of letter to include the items that have been purchased by the PTO so far and what we will be purchasing during the year.
* Currently right on budget

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

**Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch**

Opening balance--$31,019.11

Closing balance--$33,721.59

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

* $500 check from Derek Jetty
* Reading Committee is planning an event 3/27, 6-8
* Family Arts Night 4/7, 5-7:00
* Took a trip to Africa; had an assembly on Friday to share slides with students; visited 3 public schools and brought pen pal letters; videos will be sent back and forth between schools; attended a conference with members of private, independent schools; pictures to be shared at PTAC; safari was amazing!

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

* Thank you to...
  + those who came out to American Education Week and those involved in Nature’s Classroom/Not Nature’s Classroom
  + those involved with K-kids
  + Holiday Shop volunteers
  + Katie Robison for organizing the holiday sing-along
  + CPR volunteers
* Adopt a Reader--1/17 (to be run again in April)
* Teachers were recognized for Parent Choice Awards
* Jack K accepted into the CMEA Elementary Honors Band
* Georgia S., Jimmy M., Francheska D., and Julianna C.--Martin Luther King Jr. essays were selected to be shared with Central Office
* Julianna and Clara--CT Assoc of Schools--Evening of the Arts
* Assessment--Winter STAR Rdg/Math; Olsat for grades 3 and 5
* 1/23--Fritz Winter Concert being held at Moran
* 1/30--Early Release
* Mrs. McCall--
  + Learning Program is underway. Online website is being reviewed during library classes. 8 Modules to be worked on.

Great Space Escape Room--culminating event

* + Kid Lit quiz is at the end of this month. 6 kids are involved

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

Variety Show--4/29--rehearsal, 5/1--show

K-kids--making 54 birthday bags for Masters Manna

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

* Drew Drechsel has not responded to calls regarding an assembly
* Teachers were very appreciative of the sensory kits; they’ll be going out soon
* Sensory hallway is being used by students and teachers; well received
* School secretary is requesting a new binding machine ($500)

**Committee Reports**

* Sweetheart Dance--Feb 7th, 6-8:30pm (snowdate 2/21)

DJ and photographer have been booked

Still looking for businesses to donate

Water and juice boxes may be leftover in the closets

Kelly will organize Beanie Boos through Mr. D’s

Paper goods/decorations have been purchased (Kelly/Allison)

* Holiday Shoppe - Made just over $1,500 between both schools

**Other Business/Questions**

Wallingford Jubilee 350--Dr. Menzo will be asking for one float to be done for the district.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, February 12th**

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

**End: 7:34pm**

**Attendees:**

Amy Williams

Debbie Hajjar

Allison Denya

Laura McCall

Tracy Tyrrell

Ané Miller

Kelly Rainey

Katie Davis

Liz Murphy

Mary Ellen Sansone

Nilvio Perez

Allison Scott

Priscilla Upchurch

Tracy Shortell

Victoria Reed

Eric Carbone

Nick Passariello