HYES PTO Meeting **MINUTES**

Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: **February 12th, 2020**

Time: **Following the 6:30pm PTAC Meeting**

Meeting Place: **Fritz Elementary School**

Attendees: **See attached sheet**

Call to Order: 6:56pm

**Executive Committee Reports**

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

Review of minutes--approved by Nick and Sarah

Donation of Boon Supply incentive prizes to Fritz’s learning program—all are in

agreement to donate them

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

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

* New fundraiser in partnership with CGA - Nick

CGA has reached out. During March, we can get 50% of a monthly tuition price, for anyone who signs up and mentions our PTO.

* Raise Craze Fundraiser for Fall 2020 - Chairperson--Nick
* General overview of the program--promotes student engagement in the community through acts of kindness. Pairs nicely with the work that’s done in the beginning of the school year. Students are not asked to sell anything, but rather collect donations for acts of kindness.
* Initial considerations up for discussion
  + Timing & Duration: 3 weeks in September
  + Can we tie it to any specific funding need? The following was drafted thus far:
    - Enrichment assemblies & field trips
    - Student and classroom supplies
    - Social activities for all students and families
  + What should our goals be?
    - Acts Of Kindness (AOK) - 1,500?
      * 700 students X 3 AOK = 2,100
    - Financial - $8,000?
      * 700 students X $15 each X 90% = $9,450
  + Should we consider separate sites for the two schools?
    - This will allow us to tailor suggested acts of kindness
    - This will allow for building level goals and incentives
* More details and questions will come as planning continues. Nick will meet with the principals on a monthly basis in order to work out the details and have a plan for September.
* Taking a risk on it, since it’s new, but the Fall Fundraiser hasn’t been as successful as in years past. This will replace the fall fundraiser, so we are not signing up with Cherrydale.
* Need to decide what the engagement looks like (for each class/grade/school)
* Question asked by a parent--How do you reach out for donations?--can be done on paper, but works well online. Payments can be made online.
* 90% of the donations will go to the PTO.

**Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch**

* Opening balance--$33,663.81; closing balance--$31, 530.92
* Box Tops--$574.90
* Sweetheart Dance--approx $4,000, details below

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

* Winter Reading Program--Kickoff will be held tomorrow. Tied to the town’s 350th Celebration. Details to be sent home soon.
* Sensory Hallway--installed this week in pre-K wing, less traffic. Cost was $25, paid by Highland.
* Interested in purchasing a Cricut machine from PTO. (Board approved purchase)
* K-Kids--last meeting was cancelled due to snow.
* Climate Committee--Focusing on diversity. Classes are pairing up with another class and reading books that focus on diversity. Purchasing Braille cards, so students can experience what it’s like to read without sight.

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

* Thank you/shout outs to…
  + those who took the Climate Survey
  + the West End Players and those involved in Aladdin
  + the Kit Lit Team and those involved
  + those involved in the Invention Convention
  + the students recognized for commitment to the arts
  + the Sweetheart Dance volunteers
  + the PTO for the Staff Appreciation yogurt bar
* Open House at the Center for Innovation and Design: An Aerospace Experience to Mars on March 3 anytime between 5 and 7pm
* Pennies for Puerto Rico--top class gets a pizza party from Mr. Carbone
* Early Release--2/14, 2/27

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

* K-kids--worked on hot chocolate cups for the homeless
* Donations to Australia have not been picked up yet
* Allison emailed teachers in January to find out if there were any needs PTO could help fulfill.
* Variety Show--25 acts; theme--celebration of Wallingford
  + Allison Denya will look into getting the show videotaped. Nick will post a request on FB/website

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

* Learning program--
  + Students who completed three modules, were able to make slime during recess
  + Students who complete five or more, will be invited to a night of stargazing; 2/19 cloud/rain/snow date 2/20
  + Culminating event in March
* Yogurt Bar--teachers were very appreciative
* Sensory Kits--teachers are appreciative of the kits; they’re being put to good use

**Committee Reports**

* Allison--Sweetheart Dance--rough profit estimate $4,000
  + Dance ticket sales--$2,460

(approx 163 families; approx 180 girls ) 17 families paid at the door

* + Raffle ticket sales--$1,450.00
  + Beanie Boo Sales--$620
  + Photographer--waiting for exact amount, but likely under $100
  + Expenses--DJ $250
    - Custodian--no cost; did not show
    - Appreciation Gift for Academy Di Capelli--Kelly and Allison will work on
* Kelly--Staff Appreciation—Valentines yogurt bar; Highland 2/11, Fritz 2/12
* Priscilla--Butter Braids--2/24, runs two weeks, pick up will be scheduled at Fritz 4/3, in time for Easter

**Other Business/Questions**

Discussions were had around a Mother/Son event.

Parents would like to see an event for the boys.

Nilvio shared information about the history of such events.

This interest has been shared previously. Follow-through on an event has not occured in the last few years. Reasons stated included, lack of a chairperson/volunteers, lack of time, or unrealistic timing.

Event needs to pay for itself

Nilvio has booked the Fritz gym/cafeteria for Friday, May 8th for a Boys’ Night event.

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

**Highland 6:30pm**

**End: 8:26pm**

**Attendees:**