

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES  
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 1/10/24

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Fritz Library

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:34pm

**EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Secretaries' Report - Kelly Rainey and Erica Vitale**

Review of December minutes -- approved by Priscilla, second by Tanya

**Presidents' Report - Allison Scott and Erin Huckle**

Sweetheart Dance:

- Vendors, met with balloon twister lady and airbrusher for tattoos (lasts for 3 days, anything but the face), photobooth, LED foam wands, no fringe on walls for decor, balloon arch 8 1/2 feet wide by 7 1/2 feet tall by registration table will be used for photos once registration is done
  - Fundraising opportunities
    1. Donovan Family Chocolateers, selling Bon Bons and i <3 you chocolate bars, nothing with nuts will be sold but families will be made aware that all is made in a nut facility
    2. Green Petal \$2.00 profit on each flower will go to PTO
- Current status on sign up 325
- Candy grams will be sold at the dance and the week before the dance at Fritz only, will be handed out on Valentine's Day, will be organized and put together by teacher, all teachers have to do is just give out
- 50/50 Raffle
- Games no games

**Vice Presidents' Report - Stephanie Sheades and Tanya White**

1. Quinnipiac Women's Basketball Game
  - Recap
    - Attendance, over 400 families attended, great turnout and everyone including Quinnipiac loved the chorus performance
    - Activities
      - Chorus
      - Halftime Huddle
      - Dash Game
      - Cost \$1000 was final cost

2. March fundraising event
  - The Tasty Sprinkle was discussed, Stephanie Sheades will do for Highland and Fritz for same price, families can pick up or stay at Fritz to decorate
3. PTO social platforms - expanding to another platform - Instagram? Will revisit conversation and talk about again in the summertime
4. Bingo-
  - Currently have 128 people attending - sign up will close on 1/12
  - 10 raffle prizes, have some from last year that can be used but still need to get
  - New Bingo Machine, purchased our own
  - Snacks, candy, drinks to be purchased
  - Winner gets lunch with the principal plus one friend

#### **Treasurer's Report-Priscilla Upchurch and Erica Ung**

Opening balance: \$37,841.25

Closing balance: \$38,123.37

No major expenditures in December

#### **Principal's Report Highland-Emily Banach**

- 1/15 no school MLK
- 1/25 2 hour early dismissal
- Winter assessments-Iready testing ready and math has started, social and emotional at the end of January
- K kids play doh drive was a success, play doh delivered to hospital
- Super bowl-collecting cans of soup for the food pantry
- Great turnout for winter festival
- 500 bucket filler goal, school wide reward if met or exceeded
- Feb 6th 100th day of school celebrated around math not age

#### **Principal's Report Fritz-Eric Carbone**

- 1/11 math night
- 1/12 hat day
- Winter concert 1/24 at DAG
- Winter assessments-Iready testing reading and math has started
- K kids collection for animal shelter
- Learning committee- started before winter break, movie night at Sheehan, centered around wax museum, kids to read 3 biographies and choose one to write about and dress up as, prizes, banners of famous people for library

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

Variety show ok'd, dates are April 17th and April 19th, working on theme and getting the flyers out to families

Approved for first grade field trip to Cabaret Theater in May

### Fritz Teacher Rep Report Mrs McCall-

Every 5th grader will get a yearbook, no charge for shout outs this year, send in baby pictures sooner rather than later

Cleaned out library, cleared out a lot of old books and now has a "Maker's Space"

### Committee Reports -

#### • Butter Braids -

- Fundraiser will run from 2/22-03/07/24; pick up will be on Thursday, 03/28 at Fritz from 5:30-7:00 pm
- Flyers will be sent home in a few weeks after sweetheart dance

#### • Book Fair Fritz- end of March, Highland- first week of April

#### • Field Day Highland 5/24 Fritz 5/31

### Other Business/Questions

Need dates for an Art Night and Spring Concert, Stephanie researching popcorn machine-one that has a stand with wheels

**Next Meeting: 2/7/24**

**End: 7:28pm**

### Attendees:

Erica Vitale

Peter Ferguson-Russell

Priscilla Upchurch

Stephanie Sheades

Emily Banach

Eric Carbone

Laura McCall

Allison Denya

Tanya White

Erin Huckle

Erin Bickelhaupt

Juliet Buccilli