

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 03/09/2022

Time: **6:30 pm**

Meeting Place:

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:32pm

Executive Committee Reports

President's Report-Nick Passariello

- 2022-2023 Board Nominations Due Date 5/01/2022
- Board vote will be held at May meeting
- Get communications out through Principals-Priscilla will send this info out.
 - Confirm vacancies in communication:
 - Co-President (2)
 - Co-Vice President (1)
 - Co-Treasurer (0)
 - Co-Secretary (1)
 - WebMaster (1)--Allison Scott

Vice President's Report- Allison Scott

Staying on as webmaster

Secretary's Report-Kelly Rainey

Minutes approved by Allison and Deb

Treasurers' Report-Priscilla Upchurch/Sharon Bertrand

- Review of budget - opening balance: \$44,546.80; closing balance: \$40,314.70

Principal's Report Highland-Emily Banach

Mask optional is working well; no major issues

Climate results-next month

TOY-Ms. Struble; POY-Mrs. Remick

TJ-Math work

STAR Screening window opens on Friday

Conferences tomorrow and first week in April

Literacy Program is underway

Field Day planning is happening

Book Fair-waiting to hear back from Scholastic; hoping for pm conference date

Report Cards next Friday

Principal's Report Fritz-Eric Carbone

OLSAT is complete; will be shared at home
STAR testing continues this week and next
Report Cards next week
Read Across America—theme of diversity
Learning Committee—Night at the Museum 3/24
Invention Convention—3 students will go to State Finals
TOY—Mrs. Kirkpatrick; POY—Mrs. Castaldi
3/12—Covid test distribution at Sheehan
Early Release—3/17
Conferences and book fair coming up

Highland Teacher Rep Report -Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar

Reading Program—kicked off to hype kids; “growing readers spring into books”
–hallway is full of flowers showcasing days of reading
–9 windows are covered!
–small rewards, like stickers
–ideas about final celebration
Hoping Craft Fair will come back!

Fritz Teacher Rep Report -Tracy Tyrrell/Katie Davis

Kids are enjoying being maskless; everyone is respectful of choices
Teacher is asking about a purchase of a Cricut machine; will look into request form

Committee Reports

Book Fair Dates - Erin/Cheryl

Erin is looking for a date, late April or early May?

Per Cheryl...

- Mr. Carbone has approved Fritz Dates: April 6-8th, set up to be done after school 04/05 and breakdown after school on 04/08
- Book cases will arrive anywhere 1-5 days before the 6th (March 31st-April 5th)
- Pick-up (of the cases and books not sold) will be the week following vacation (one day the week of the 18th)

- There will be a couple of boxes delivered to Fritz to my attention that consist of flyers and rewards for distribution.
- There will also be a sign up list that will need to be put up in the teachers room or mailbox area for teachers to sign. I would also like to get each teacher a wish list to fill out for parents who may wish to purchase something for them.
- Classes will run in half hour increments from 9:30-on, ending at 3:00.
- **Questions from Cheryl...**
- **1. Can the book fair run during parent-teacher conferences and should we advertise that since the dates coincide?**
 - First, we need people to staff it. Second, may encourage parents to bring their kids to conferences, which can be problematic due to lack of supervision.
- **2. Mr. Carbone wanted a preview day for the classes but not sure when/how to work that in? Ideas?**
 - It's been a while since our last in person Book Fair. Past practice?

Butter Braids - runs until 03/14; pickup at Fritz from 5:30-7:30pm on 03/30

Field Day

- General Update on discussions in progress- looking to make it as "normal" as possible
- Special funding request for shirts-PTO has money for this; estimate is being looked into; possibly \$3,000
- T-shirt possibilities-Tee It Up
- Tracy and Mallory will send a proposal to Central Office

Eli Whitney - Katie arranged and ordered kits for all of Fritz in place of school assemblies. She submitted an invoice and the check was sent to Eli. Kits will be picked up the weekend of April 1st-3rd.

5th Grade Nature Day-tentatively approved

Critter Caravan-in communication with
Chalk the Walk

Plant Sale?--Priscilla will reach out to Beaumont and find out if they would like to come back for in person fairs or continue to use the flyer for fundraiser

Other Business/Questions

Next Meeting:

4/20 PTAC/PTO

End: 7:24PM

Attendees:

Kelly Rainey
Allison Denya
Allison Scott
Deb Hajjar
Emily Banach
Eric Carbone
Erin Huckle
Katie Davis
Mallory Struble
Nick Passariello
Priscilla Upchurch
Sharon Bertrand
Tracy Tyrrell