

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES  
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 5/11

Time: 6:30 pm

Meeting Place: virtual

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:31pm

**Executive Committee Reports**

**President's Report-Nick Passariello**

- Teacher Appreciation
  - Rogue Coffee Truck
  - Mr. D's Cupcakes
- Board Vote—Google Forms were filled out for next year's positions
- Anyone want to take over Spirit Wear? Possible new vendor opportunity.  
Allison Scott will take over next year. Talk to teachers about color choices.

**Vice President's Report- Allison Scott**

**Secretary's Report-Kelly Rainey**

April Minutes—Approved by Allison Denya and Katie Davis

**Treasurers' Report-Priscilla Upchurch/Sharon Bertrand**

- Review of budget - opening balance: \$33,806.43; closing balance: \$38,597.75

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

Thank you for the cupcakes and coffee truck.

Finished book fair; thank you to Erin and all of the volunteers.

Teacher Appreciation week was enjoyed by all; also celebrated Administrators' Day and Nurses' Day

Mini-golf event was successful; about 48 families came, 50 were signed up; suggestions for next time—ice cream truck or food truck; could we have it indoors in the winter?

This Friday—Fitness Night

Math Consultant—TJ Jemison finished with staff development

Continuing to work on behaviors to finish strong

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

Looking forward to Fitness Night

Teachers loved the cupcakes and coffee

Spirit Day to benefit student traveling for Invention Convention this summer

Make-up testing is still occurring.

Promotion–June 14th; outdoors; invites will be sent soon. 3 classes at a time. 45–60 minutes. 9:30/2:00; Rain Date 6/15

School breakfast for all; piloted at Cook Hill and Parker Farms; info going home towards the end of May; available to all students who would like one. Parents can contact the school with any questions/concerns.

“Covid clusters”--If 4 or more students test positive, home tests will be sent home for parents to test their child, if they choose, plus they will be encouraged to wear masks.

Nutmeg Luncheon on Friday

### **Highland Teacher Rep Report –Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar**

Counting down to fun activities (field day, field trips, etc) as well as ABC Countdown for 1st grade and K

Staff felt appreciated by PTO, Emily, and parents

First grade field trip 5/24 to Vo-ag; planetarium

Highland folders will be ordered once enrollment is more up to date.

Craft fair–still waiting...

Literacy Program–wrap-up event 5/25 at 4:30–6; rain date 5/26; permission slips were sent home.

### **Fritz Teacher Rep Report –Tracy Tyrrell/Katie Davis**

Happy to have book fair back in person; thank you for the books they received

Thank you for the Eli Whitney program

Suggestion for golf event to be done indoors next year, if possible

### **Committee Reports:**

- **Book Fair – Highland** – Book Fair ended today. We made \$2,827.38 in Scholastic dollars. The students were very excited and well behaved.
- **Spring Plant Sale** – will continue to run through the end of May
- **Mini-golf Event** – final numbers:
  - 50 families registered
  - 44 Families attended
  - 176 total people participated
  - The company took care of everything; therefore we don't need a lot of volunteers to run the event. The cost of the event was reasonable: \$695 for 4 hours. It is a quick event; look to potentially add another 9 holes or more options to keep people there longer. And/or combine with an ice cream truck or a food truck
- **Fitness Night**: postponed due to rain; will take place this Friday 05/13
- **Field Day**: t-shirts are in (each class from each grade has a different color); will be delivered to the schools as it gets closer. No volunteer shirts were offered.

Volunteer forms were sent out and will be closed next week. Lunch will be offered through the cafeteria. Reminders will be sent out by Tracy.

**Other Business/Questions**

Laura McCall–thank you for funding the library; still have an outstanding order;  
Nutmeg Luncheon–44 students were invited; next year’s Nutmeg books have not come in yet.

Yearbook–will be done digitally instead of a hard copy book; free of charge.

**5th Grade Graduation**– plans for graduation? What would PTO like to fund? Priscilla will look into the Kona Ice Truck.

**5th grade Nature Day 6/1**–Katie will be meeting with Robin from Common Ground; schedule will be made with Eric.

**Next Meeting: 6/8/22**

**End: 7:26pm**

**Attendees:**

Kelly Rainey  
Allison Denya  
Allison Scott  
Charlotte Soja Stopa  
Emily Banach  
Eric Carbone  
Erica Ung  
Jaime Hines  
Katie Davis  
Krystina Gilhuly  
Laura McCall  
Mariana Weinberger  
Nick Passariello  
Priscilla Upchurch  
Sharon Bertrand  
Tracy Tyrrell