

HYES PTO Meeting MINUTES
Highland and Fritz Elementary Schools

Date: 11/8/23

Time: 6:30pm

Meeting Place: Highland Library

Attendees: See attached

Call to Order: 6:31pm

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE REPORTS

Secretaries' Report - Kelly Rainey and Erica Vitale

Review of minutes - approved by Priscilla and Erica

Presidents' Report - Allison Scott and Erin Huckle

- **Sweetheart Dance**
 - Working with Tanya to set up a dance committee to help plan/set up the dance.

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Vice Presidents' Report - Stephanie Sheades and Tanya White

- **QU game** - we will offer 600 free tickets to students and families
 - Chorus can perform at game; Tanya will connect Ms. Lombardo with the QU contact.
 - Google form will be sent out after Thanksgiving with a 12/22 deadline for ticket requests.
- **Sweetheart Dance** -
 - Contacted balloon arch person and all set there; reached out to DJ and waiting to hear back, photo booth is all set (will be donating it for the dance); we will pay the employee who runs it.
- **Bingo Night** -
 - January 18th at Highland (gym, with caf available if needed), 6-7
 - Raffle Prizes - lunch with the principal and baskets
 - Bingo Cards and prizes will be purchased by PTO (Amazon)
 - Free event for families

Treasurer's Report - Priscilla Upchurch and Erica Ung

Opening balance: \$23,096.06

Closing balance: \$37,038.59

Principal's Report Highland - Emily Banach

Thank you for Trunk or Treat; great success, well attended
Focus on gratitude; open ended question on announcements

Evening conferences went well
Assembly on Monday for Veterans; BOE, TC will attend
American Education Week–parents are invited
School Improvement Plan was presented to BOE
Halloween Parade was successful
PD yesterday
Food Drive–raising as much as possible WITH Fritz
No school tomorrow
Early Release for Thanksgiving

Principal's Report Fritz-Eric Carbone

Thank you for
Thank you to the Rotary Club–provided dictionaries and thesauri
Charitable Events–3rd grade coat drive for children and adults; food drive (1,000 can goal), Fritz Cares program will collect food/holiday gifts/monetary gifts
American Education Week–families can come in for lunch, to participate in an activity in the classroom, or notes for lockers
11/17–picture retake day

Highland Teacher Rep Report -Allison Denya/Deb Hajjar

Veterans Day assembly–kids will sing, speakers, hearts were colored
K-kids–sock drive was amazing! Play-doh drive to collect Play-doh for children who are hospitalized and can't leave their rooms.
Craft Fair–26 crafters (fewer than normal), working on a “soft” kitchen (few items available), looking for kitchen coordinator and dessert table coordinators; apple crisp will be back!
Variety Show–should we have it in March? Dates will be looked into with Sheehan.

Fritz Teacher Rep Report -Sinead Mezzi and Katie Davis

Veterans Day assembly tomorrow; pin sale raised \$300 for the VFW; 15 baskets were put together to donate to Wallingford Veterans

Committee Reports

- **Trunk or Treat -**
 - We had a great turnout and the trunk decorators did an amazing job; thanks to volunteers and families; thank you to Miss Denya's brother for donating a gift card for candy
- **Fall Plant Sale -**

- Came to an end on 10/31; we made \$192!
- Per Beaumont farm, they wanted us to take the earnings. We had discussed donating it to them but they said Billy wanted the schools to have the money.
- **Lyman Pies/Cookies**
 - Pie/cookie pick up was 11/2; we made \$7,088.39
- **Gift Card Fundraiser**
 - It will run from 11/13 through 12/4; pick up will be 12/11 from 5:30-7:30 at Fritz
 - Forms/flyers will be sent home in the next few days

Other Business/Questions

Next Meeting: 12/13/23

End: 7:21pm

Attendees:

Erica Vitale
Kelly Rainey
Priscilla Upchurch
Eric Carbone
Emily Banach
Deb Hajjar
Stephanie Sheades
Allison Denya
Mike Ward
Sinead Mezzi
Allison Scott
Joanne Nottingham
Katie Davis
Juliette Buccilli