

HFE PTO Board Meeting Minutes, April 14, 2021 at 6:30

Google Meet

In attendance: Morgen Kawaguchi, Rebecca Strimer, Samantha Erway, Jared Speight, Ms Buchanan, Ally Wilson, Lindsay Pharr, Shauntey Jives, Erin Connor, Dianna Nickel,

- Check-in
- AMS teacher and parent - guest speakers
 - Mr Jared Speight (7th grade teacher at AMS, jared.speight@acsgmail.net): opportunity to discuss different ways to be present in the school environment (PTO, athletics), working on relationships between kids
 - Meetings: April 22 and May 20 next PTO meetings
 - PTO Remind - Text @cougars828 to 81010
 - What is the role/goal of PTO in the middle school (vs PTO in the elementary school)?
 - To foster relationships between the school and families
 - Co-chairs for all roles (teacher and parent representative)
 - \$10,000 grant for Biofeedback/Stress Reducing techniques
 - Care packages/Welcome back packages
- Garden programming with Summer
 - Google doc to sign up for a week
 - Request that Summer have a list of things that can be done at any time of the year
 - Send out in an email link with the Sunday night call
 - Social Media for sign ups/link to google doc
- Dine out request from Valerie -
 - Funds to go directly to a Principal's General Fund that would directly be accessible for school
 - Pizza Mind, invite families from APS
 - Samantha to reach out to Pizza Mind
 - Tues/Wed/Thurs, the last 2 weeks of May are state testing
 - Social Media post and all call for Dine Out night in early May
- Spending requests
 - Pencil sharpener \$40 - Robin Truffa- APPROVED- VOTED ALL IN FAVOR
 - Storage boxes \$25 - Maria Malone- APPROVED- VOTED ALL IN FAVOR
- New officer nominations
 - Stephanie Baker - at large & community engagement
 - Ally Wilson - secretary, at large, & community engagement`
 - APS PTC has requested to stay a separate entity in the hopes that they will have their own school one day
 - RS- f/u with Jessica and Stacy for recommendations for parent rep from the Montessori Program
 - May 2021 meeting will decide the slate of board officers for 2021-2022
- Montessori program update
 - Minimal updates

- Both Principals are working together for collaboration between staff, building community
- Upgrade the inside of the school more open and more STEAM school
- Tapestry to bring together Montessori and STEAM
- Still working on staffing
- The biggest obstacle is Timing
- Information is being shared as quickly as possible

- **May 14 Kindergarten registration PTO flyer**

- **RS- to find the flyer for needed updates to display during registration**

- Treasurer update

- \$2800 remains in Black Top and Front Playground funds to possibly utilize for additional outdoor projects/learning areas
- After discussion, determination that these funds met the intended purpose and could be utilized for HFE Shade Structure (large metal post with square awning in umbrella type configuration)
 - Motion to vote to utilize \$2800 funds for HFE Shade Structure VOTED ALL IN FAVOR
- Sun shade grant submitted \$6000 (will not cover all the costs, need an additional \$1900 from General Operating to cover the installation)
 - Motion to vote to utilize additional \$1900 from General Operating VOTED ALL IN FAVOR

- TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK first week of May 3-7

- District is providing cups, lunch that Friday
- Can PTO provide breakfast that Tuesday? Between 7:30 and 8:30 to be available
 - Bagels, cream cheese, coffee, fruit

- **POSSIBLE STAFF APPRECIATION (agenda item for May)**

- At the end of the year during the Teacher Work Days

- General Principal's Fund

- PTO to purchase Gift cards for Teachers Appreciation Fund
 - Local stores (Whist, other shops on Haywood, Target)
- PTO can reimburse to Principal or pay purchase orders

- Other announcements, updates

- Thermo Fisher grant
 - Mr O/STEAM \$5000 for robotics kits
 - Thermo Fisher has agreed to send volunteers to the school for teaching assistance for 9 weeks
- End of year closure
 - Can PTO further support these efforts? Possible 5th grade picnic? Each grade level does an outdoor activity for the End of Year Celebration?
 - \$150 to each grade level for this end of year celebration. VOTED ALL IN FAVOR