

Harrison Street Elementary PTO Minutes

September 11th, 2018 / 7:00pm | Meeting called to order by Kathleen Kildoo @ 7:05

In Attendance

Kathleen Kildoo, Kim Castiglione, Tanya Carman, Amy Roy, Katy Gantz, Kaci Fox, Lisa Pertee, Bob Keep, Angy Russell, Chelsea Heban and Jennifer Verhoff

Secretary's Report

- There were no changes to the August PTO minutes, a motion for approval was made by Jennifer Verhoff, with Tanya Carman giving the first and Bob Keep the second.
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Treasurer's Report

- The ending August balance was \$36,601.03.
 - Line item 408, that was discussed and passed unanimously in August, was officially added into the PTO annual budget and labeled as 'Donations'.
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Teacher's Report- Katy Gantz

- Thank you to PTO from all staff for the help on curriculum night and for the teacher reimbursements. They are very much appreciated.
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Principal's Report- Kim Castiglione

- **School Construction**- No timeline updates on the secure entrance. The doors ordered were changed to be bullet proof and this has slowed the process.
 - **New Entrance Landscaping**- It is in the plans to spruce up the walkway leading to the back entrance.
 - **STEM Robotics Team**- Overwhelming response to the fourth grade STEM robotics team has HSE with more kids on the team than the contest permits. The purchase of a second robot by PTO was approved by all in attendance. HSE will now have two teams competing. Next year, Ms Sinclair would like to look into the possibility of having additional teams for grades K-3.
 - **Curriculum Night**- A survey went out asking what people thought about the new format of curriculum night, nine responses with varying responses were received. Babysitting and food trucks have helped with attendance however we would like to increase attendance. Ideas for how to do this are welcome.
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Old Business

- **Meet and Greet 8/14, 3-4pm**- It was well attended, spirit wear sales were great and everyone seemed to enjoy the popsicles.
- **Online Spirit Wear Sale 08/17- 09/04**- Items will be in by the 21st. We haven't received any fundraising sale totals yet.
- **Curriculum Night 08/23, 6pm**- The food trucks were once again, a big success. Attendance was lower than we would like, mixed reviews about the new format. Looking to tweak a few things for next year. Would love to bump attendance, open to suggestions and ideas for making this happen.

- **Gaga Ball Pit-** The kids are loving it! The top rails are in, just need to be installed. They will be secured with zip ties. Help installing is needed.
- **Kroger Rewards-** Last year HSE raised between two and three thousand dollars from the Kroger Rewards program. We would really like to see these numbers again this year. If kids bring in a Kroger receipt showing that their family is enrolled with HSE designated, they will be entered into a drawing for a party in early October.

New Business

- **Classroom Supplies-** Mrs Castiglione will supply PTO with the list of items needed, it appears to be mostly headphones again.
- **Mumkin Sale 09/4 – 09/21-** Packets have been sent home. Online ordering is an option again. There is a small service fee for online orders. No service fees for orders turned in in person.
 - **Mumkin Pickup 10/09 12-6pm (Same day as the Fall Festival)**
- **Big Nut Strut 2018-** Registration is still open, t-shirts are no longer guaranteed if you're just signing up. The race takes place on Sunday, September 23rd. Huge thank you to Susan Missman for securing several sponsors for HSE. Still in need of swag bag items.
- **Student Directory-** We are still collecting information, great response thus far with over 220 returning information already. Much improved from last year. We will need someone to take this over for next year, our current volunteer will be moving up to BWI.
- **Homecoming Spirit Week & Float 09/24- 09/28-** This year's theme is HSE Honors Our Hero's. Students will be making items in art class help decorate our float. Volunteers will be needed to assist in putting things together, a sign up genius will be sent. Line up will be at 5pm on Burrer Drive with the parade starting at 5:30 on the 28th.
- **Parent Teacher Conference Meals for 09/27 & 10/18-** A hospitality committee will be meeting on 09/12 to discuss the meals for both evenings. Please look for the sign up genius.
- **Fall Festival 10/09 5:30- 7pm-** A committee met on 09/11 to discuss ideas. This event will be fun for the entire family with pumpkin decorating, cider, a craft and much more. Looking for additional ideas. Discussed having a face painter or balloon artist. Ms Gantz offered to check with a friend who works at a local radio station for additional items.
- **Book Fair 10/15- 10/18-** Setup will be Thursday the 11th. Students will create wish lists on Friday the 12th. Open for business the following week from Monday through Thursday. May need help getting into the school on Friday for tear down, there is no school that day. Fifty percent of all sales are given back to HSE in scholastic dollars for our staff to use for their classrooms and the library.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be October 16th at 7pm. Please note it is one week later than normal due to the Fall Festival and Mumkin pickup being on October 9th.

The September meeting was adjourned at 7:51pm.