

# Harrison Street Elementary PTO Minutes

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October 16th, 2018 / 7:00pm | Meeting called to order by Ken Garee @ 7:02

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## In Attendance

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Kathleen Kildoo, Kim Castiglione, Tanya Carman, Amy Roy, Katy Gantz, Kaci Fox, Angy Russell, Tiffany VonAlmen, Laura Coulson, Ken Garee and Jennifer Verhoff

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## Secretary's Report

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- There were no changes to the September PTO minutes, a motion for approval was made by PTO secretary, Jennifer Verhoff, with Kaci Fox giving the first and Ken Garee the second.
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## Treasurer's Report

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- The ending September balance was \$33,621.85.
  - The September treasury report was given by PTO treasurer, Tanya Carman. A motion for approval was made with Jennifer Verhoff giving the first and Laura Coulson the second.
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## Teacher's Report- Katy Gantz

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- Thank you to PTO from all staff for an awesome night of fun at the Fall Festival, great dinners on parent teacher conference nights, the Book Fair scholastic fund and everyone's efforts on the HSE homecoming float.
  - Several parents expressed appreciation for Mumkin pickup being the same night as the Fall Festival, very convenient.
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## Principal's Report- Kim Castiglione

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- **School Construction-** No timeline updates on the secure entrance.
  - **Harrison Hut-** Is an overwhelming hit, as usual and a great teaching tool in showing students how to budget and make purchases. Many items are needed to sustain the hut's inventory. If anyone would like to donate, Big Walnut items and Oriental Trading Company type items are always popular with the students.
  - **Gaga Ball Pit Flooring-** Looking into turf and/or rubber mat options. Mulch was ruled out due to the hazards of flying pieces as the game is played.
  - **State of the Schools & Veteran's Day Program-** On November 8<sup>th</sup> there will be a live Facebook feed making the rounds to all Big Walnut buildings as part of the State of the Schools. The feed will end its day at HSE and show our Veteran's Day program.
  - **Field Trips-** HSE teachers continue to think outside the box and are coming up with great field trips. With the increased field trip budget that went into effect last year, most grades are able to do a fall and spring field trip.
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## Old Business

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- **Big Nut Strut-** Totals have not been released yet. Participants were down but vendor donations were up.

- **Homecoming Parade-** Great participation from families who walked and/or rode on the float. The Spirit Award winner has not yet been named.
- **Mumkin Sale-** Sales were slightly lower than last year but we were still able to raise close to \$4,100. We are expecting a check back from Fortemeyer for \$3,671 from an overpayment.
- **Fall Festival-** Great turnout, with great teacher participation. The kids all seem to like seeing their teachers at these type of events. The DJ was a big hit, everyone seemed to enjoy the music and games she provided. PTO may book her for Rock Star Recess.
- **Student Directory-** Has been printed and distributed. Participation was up. We have a volunteer in place to head this up next year.
- **Classroom Supplies-** All requested supplies are in and have been distributed to teachers. The need was less this year and mostly headphones again.

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## New Business

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- **Box Top Collections-** Collections end this Thursday, the 18<sup>th</sup>. The winning class will receive a party. We have volunteers available to help with counting.
- **Book Fair-** Is up and going strong. Volunteers have been great. All profits from this sale are turned into 'Scholastic Dollars' that HSE teachers, aids, tutors etc are able to use for purchasing books for their classrooms.
- **Parent Teacher Conference Meals for 10/18 and 11/19-** A Signup Genius has gone out for the 10/18 meal with good response. October's meal is a chili and baked potato bar with salad. November's will be a Taco theme.
- **Harvest Parties-** All will take place on Wednesday, October 31<sup>st</sup>. If a classroom does not have enough parent volunteers teachers will let PTO know and PTO will provide help.
- **Veteran's Day Program 11/08 @ 2:15-** PTO will decorate the school for the Veteran's Day program. A Signup Genius will go out asking for help with this. PTO will also provide small American flags for students, staff and guests during the program.
- **Penguin Patch-** Penguin Patch holiday shop is returning to HSE. A committee will meet before the November PTO meeting to go over specifics. Preview day is November 30<sup>th</sup>. The shop will be open December 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup>. Each class will have an assigned day and timeslot for shopping to help manage the flow. There will also be makeup shopping times for students out during their class's regularly scheduled time.

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## Next Meeting

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Next meeting will be November 13th at 7pm.

The October meeting was adjourned at 8:02pm.