

# Harrison Street Elementary PTO Minutes

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*November 13th, 2018 / 7:00pm | Meeting called to order by Ken Garee @ 7:03*

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## In Attendance

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Kathleen Kildoo, Kim Castiglione, Tanya Carman, Katy Gantz, Kaci Fox, Tiffany VonAlmen, Ken Garee, Heather Smith, Sarah Nealon and Jennifer Verhoff

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## Secretary's Report

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- There were no changes to the October PTO minutes, a motion for approval was made by PTO secretary, Jennifer Verhoff, with Tiffany VonAlmen giving the first and Kim Castiglione the second.
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## Treasurer's Report

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- The ending October balance was \$37,226.51.
  - The October treasury report was given by PTO treasurer, Tanya Carman. A motion for approval was made with Jennifer Verhoff giving the first and Kim Castiglione the second.
  - Looking into different accountant options for assistance with taxes and tax related items.
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## Teacher's Report

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- Thank you to PTO from all staff for decorating the school and for providing the flags used during the Veteran's Day program.
  - Third grade is headed to the ballet on December 13<sup>th</sup>, thank you to PTO for providing the means to give students new and different field trip experiences like this.
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## Principal's Report- Kim Castiglione

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- **Gaga Ball Pit Flooring-** Ken Garee will be pricing pea gravel and rubber barn mats with hopes of installing them as soon as possible.
- **State of the Schools & Veteran's Day Program-** The new format of Facebook Live was a great success with good feedback received thus far. The Veteran's Day program went beautifully and reached so many people by being part of the State of the Schools program.
- **Eagle YOUiversity-** The program is still a great success and enjoyed by all. Most professions are free or very inexpensive to put on, however carpentry is costing more than initially expected. A request to implement a budget of \$500 was made with Kaci Fox giving the first and Kathleen Kildoo the second and a unanimous 'yes' vote overall.
- **Sensory Walk-** Several of the teachers and staff have researched the benefits of a Sensory Walk and would like to implement one at Harrison Street. It would run throughout a good portion of the building with different themes and activities for students to participate in. A proposed budget of \$300 was motioned for approval with Kaci Fox giving the first and Tiffany VonAlman the second and a unanimous 'yes' vote overall.
- **Seesaw Plus-** Currently the school is using the lite version of Seesaw however it is very limiting. HSE would like to look into upgrading to the 'Plus' version. It should cost around \$5 per student to do this. It is something we will revisit in the spring.

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## Old Business

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- **Big Nut Strut-** HSE earned \$2,196.04 from the Big Nut Strut. Thank you to all who donated, volunteered and participated.
- **Box Top Collections-** HSE raised \$484 during the fall collection. Mrs. Dean's class was the winning classroom and have elected to do an ice cream party.
- **Book Fair-** HSE's fall book fair sold approximately four thousand dollars in product. HSE has approximately two thousand scholastic dollars left to use. PTO has asked teachers to let them know of any books they would like to see in the library that are not currently available. PTO will purchase these with the scholastic dollars.
- **Parent Teacher Conference Meals for 10/18-** Went very well. Thank you to everyone who donated and the hospitality committee for organizing and running the dinner.
- **Harvest Parties-** All parties went well, the students seemed to really have a good time.
- **Veteran's Day Program-** The program went very well, attendance and participation were great.

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## New Business

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- **Teacher Conference Meal 11/19-** The signup genius is already full. May need some help with the setup.
- **Penguin Patch 11/30 - 12/05-** On Thursday, the 29th, a video of the shop and its inventory will be available on Facebook for teachers and parents to preview. Twenty five boxes of merchandise have been delivered to HSE. Each classroom will have an assigned shopping time. Anyone needing to make up shopping due to absence etc will be able to do so on Wednesday the 5th.
- **Pastries with Parents 12/11 & 12/13-** Pastries with parents will be spaced out over two days, broken out by last name. PTO will be setting up on the 10th and 12th after school and cleaning up on the 11th and 13th after the events. Spirit wear will be available again this year. HSE will receive 20% of the profits from these sales.
- **Cosi on Wheels 12/18-** There is a new theme for this year's event. Many volunteers needed, looking into seeing if any high school students are available to help or possibly even local fire fighters etc. A signup genius will be sent. Lunch for teachers and helpers will be provided.
- **Skate Time 01/02- 01/30-** This is being spearheaded by Mr. Prugh again. Flyers will go home after Thanksgiving break. Signup genius will be sent out, volunteers needed to help kids with getting skates on and off.
- **Wrap Indoor Recess Games-** During the 12/11 PTO meeting we will be wrapping the indoor recess games purchased by PTO for each classroom.
- **Candy Cane Gram Sale-** Kim Castiglione will speak with fourth grade about putting this on as one of their fundraisers for the end of the year festivities.

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## Next Meeting

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Next meeting will be December 11th at 7pm.

The November meeting was adjourned at 8:04pm.