



**PTO Board Meeting
Cafeteria
October 21, 2022**

In Attendance:

Dr. Miller, Jessica Lawrence, Karla Avery, Kellee Murphy, Greta Crowley, Stacey Carlsen, Kari Lewis, Emily Faucette, Mindy Schwartz, and Kate Wright

Excused Absences:

Laura Weekly, Alison Carlson, Jen Weber

Unexcused Absences:

None

Prior meeting minutes from the September PTO Meeting unanimously approved by the Board

Dr. Miller – Principal's Update

- Staff loved Gusto! (Teacher Luncheon)
- HPE is going to be featured in SS Reporter on Hispanic Heritage Project. There was much more participation this year and the dolls/posters are hanging in the hallways.
- Fully staffed!! Also have a new custodian (cousin of Henry) – Derrick hopefully will be back soon/still suffering shoulder fracture.
- Playground – Dr. Miller will work with custodians to clean trash off playgrounds. Also, HPE has a grounds beautification committee – will meet soon to come up with trash solutions.
- Alarms on every exterior door now – will be armed after the meeting today. High traffic doors to recess will be operational. Carpool door will be unarmed only during morning and afternoon carpool.
- During hard lockdowns, there was a suggestion to show the kids where to go if they aren't in their homerooms (i.e. bathrooms, etc.). Announcements are no longer announced over intercom (is on an app) so kids might not know if they are under hard lockdown.
- Math Curriculum (K-2) – Advanced Pathway. Fulton Co goal to have students in Algebra by 8th grade. Some standards are being pushed down from higher grades into next lower grade. Dr. Miller analyzed and found that there was a group of students that could be accelerated. Starting Monday, 2 teachers (Chokolos/Churchwell) will teach the “extra enhanced” students – looking to accelerate these 1st/2nd grade students.



After School Offerings –

- Club to target kids in support programs that might not have internet at home and are right on the cusp – to work on iReady, etc. Not many teachers are signing up.
- Steam Club will start – PTO is giving \$300 stipend funds (from Clubs/Activities budget) - to the teacher who leads it. 8-week program.
- Alliance – to come back with their after-school program

Greta Crowley - Fundraising

Fundraising Update:

- Corporate Sponsors final total: \$20.8k

High Hopes:

- \$28,769K (as of this morning)
- MNO \$2,130 - 37 tickets sold!
- Kona Challenge starts next week
- Blue Moon Spirit Night 10/25
- Bus Stop Buddy, Buddy visits, Yard signs coming up
- Found an extra Buddy costume – on Amazon! President purchased with full Board approval

Kate Wright and Emily Faucette – Community Events

Fall Festival Recap:

- Success! Weather was perfect!
- Because of the date changes, there was some miscommunication with the Latin plate (lost revenue), so they weren't at the event
- Ended up having to hire an additional balloon artist
- \$2k revenue.

Upcoming Events:

- Bingo – Feb 3 - Country theme – In cafeteria. If we know someone who has a store/restaurant, etc. that could benefit our event. Goal is to have every kid who comes here to leave with a toy.

Karla Avery (covering for Laura Weekly) – Staff Hospitality

Recap – Fall Staff Lunch:



- Brought indoors due to cold weather – Room 123
- Gusto! Buffet – build your own bowl (Rachel Walker – lead) and SB gift card to winner of candy corn contest (Ms. Dallas won)

Bus Driver Appreciation Week - Nov 7-11, Karla Avery:

1. Week before – start communicating via FB/Dojo
2. Sunday – hang posters (solicit Hospitality, Board, Prayer Group) in front windows by bus lane (will reach out for help) and banner – 8 drivers
3. Monday – CFA breakfast (donated) – Laura is point person / Karla to distribute HPE sweatshirts in cute gift bags for each driver
4. Tuesday – Election Day. No school.
5. Wednesday – Families provide homemade cards/gifts per driver's wish lists
6. Thursday – Gift snack bags (Renee to prepare)
7. Friday – Luncheon (12:30) – City BBQ (boxed lunches) / Karla to distribute \$50 customized AmEx gift card to each driver – could use one more person to assist

Kellee Murphy – Treasurer's Report

- President's Discretionary Budget new purchases - new 1st grade teacher supplies, attendance incentives
- Teachers are spending their classroom budgets – being tracked
- Square Reader passwords won't be distributed before an event – will need to get person(s) name that will be using the Square Readers to only give them the password
- Spirit Wear - We have profited about \$1700 this year. Still \$800 to go to meet budget!

Jessica Lawrence - President's Update

Student Lunch Debt

- There is an unpaid student lunch debt from students who now qualify for free/reduced lunch. Charges still accrue up to when they qualify and stay on their balance (families have not had to do it in 2 years since meals were free). No students are in jeopardy of receiving a courtesy lunch. If we wanted to wipe out the past balances, it would cost around \$600. Tabling discussion to November.
- We are going to schedule another Coffee with the Principal! The first one was so well received and such a good exchange of information that we are going to aim to do them quarterly. The next one will be Wednesday December 7 at 8:00-9:00

Board went into Executive Session

Meeting was adjourned at 9:40 : Minutes Respectfully Submitted by Karla Avery, Secretary