



April 6, 2022 HIGHCREST PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Called to Order – Megan Gemp at 9:17 am.**
- II. Motion to approve March 2, 2022 Minutes; minutes approved and will be posted to HMS PTO website shortly.**
- III. Principal's Report - Kelly Jackson**
 - A successful Hawks Day after Spring Break in which students participated in community building activities and created art with positive messaging. Pies in the Face were thrown at different staff and admin and over \$12K was raised for the American Heart Association.
 - Aloha Spring is coming, and Variety Show planning is underway.
 - April is Poetry Month, and there is a planned workshop and nighttime poetry slam in the works.
 - In front of HMS, there is a history walk celebrating the 150th anniversary of Wilmette and the role of public schools in Wilmette.
 - More info to be shared for a read-a-thon to support Ukrainian refugees.
 - IAR is finished!
 - Fifth Grade Orientation dates TBD but note that the Countdown to Fifth Grade summer playdates are set for 6.3, 6.24 and 8.12 from 4-5 pm. Mark your calendars.
 - Discussion of potential opening of school store ensued.
- IV. Teacher's Report - Becky Kross**
 - Discussion of Scholastic Book Fair for next year ensued.
 - Thank you to the PTO from the Mandarin language teacher - the PTO stipend funded an event with a Chinese game instructor.
 - Hawks Day was a success with its positive art and messaging and activities.
 - Sixth grade science classes explored collaborative work through toothpick and marshmallow creative structures.
 - After school Rubik's club successfully began for HMS students.
 - A surprise for students is on its way - including music, videography and a celebration of school spirit. Stay tuned!
 - Newspaper after school club will begin 1st week after Spring Break.
- V. President's Report – Megan Gemp**
 - A special thanks to Sarah Squires-Doyle for offering to decorate the booth at the Wilmette Theater - thanks to you for volunteering! The movie will be *Don't Tell Mom the Babysitter's Dead*.
 - Motion to approve the March 2, 2022 meeting minutes was made and approved.

- PTO slate positions continue to be filled with more spots open.
- We All Live Here project continues with a meeting next Tuesday.
- Budget meeting to occur next week for those budget committee members.
- Watch for info for an upcoming Tony DiMonte social media parent community education seminar.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means: Ivana Uzelac

- No new updates

Enrichment: Rebecca Freeborn

- March 24 and March 25: Brainetics via Zoom for 6th Graders occurred. May 4 BMX Biker will be coming for the 5th Graders. Poetry Learning Experience - 5th and 6th graders will have a workshop on April 25 with a May 5 evening Open Mic Night. Night Sky Viewing TBD. Plans for next year's enrichment are on-going.

Special Events: Elizabeth Jensen

- Aloha Spring (scheduled for 4.29) is moving forward, and the committee is working hard with upcoming ticket sales links, SUG, decoration planning.

Communications: Amy Giannico-Schuster

- Aloha Spring will be advertised accordingly.

Community Services: Jenine Tubergen

- Teacher Appreciation Week scheduled for May 2-6; subcommittee to meet next week to discuss themes, prizes, etc. (breakfasts, food trucks, luncheon)

Student Programs: Sarah Squires-Doyle

- After School Clubs are starting with over 75 kids participating.
- The Variety Show is in full swing with many exciting student acts so far.
- Student Council is spear-heading a spring toiletry drive benefiting Connections for the Homeless with donations accepted through early May.
- Thanks to Sarah Squires-Doyle for all of the hard work on coordinating after school school clubs this year! Our students thank you for all of your hard work!

VII. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Parmentier

- Updated financials were provided as well as the updated budget.
- An engagement letter with the accounting firm which handles the PTO's taxes has been initiated.

VIII. Adjournment

UPCOMING DATES:

- 5/4 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD
- 6/1 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD

- Executive Board Get Together TBD