



FEBRUARY 2, 2022 HIGHCREST PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

- I. Call to Order: Called to Order – Megan Gemp at 9:17 am**
- II. Motion to approve January 12, 2022 Minutes; minutes approved and will be posted to HMS PTO website.**
- III. Principal's Report - Kelly Jackson**
 - Mandarin language classes celebrated the Lunar New Year.
 - Fifth Grade Transition webinar occurred. Administration will be posting a countdown sheet that will detail rising fifth grade playdates (probable dates of June 3, June 24, and August 12) as well as potential school tours. Administration has considered in-depth webinar topics prior to parents filling out input forms.
 - MAP results will be mailed.
 - Spelling Bee included 17 students from HMS and WJHS.
 - Math Counts will occur in the middle of February 2022.
- IV. Teacher's Report - Becky Kross**
 - Sixth Grade teachers created an initiative to reuse the paper bags from the lunchroom for Connections for the Homeless.
 - Author Jacqueline Woodson will present for Black History Month.
 - Hi-Five concert occurred on January 20 and was an exciting concert for alumni, staff and parents.
 - Mandarin language classes celebrated the Chinese New Year with crafts and history lessons.
 - German language classes established a store with Euros.
 - Spanish classes had a maker activity focusing on Costa Rican culture.
 - 5th Grade homerooms competed in a Lego challenge (building sleds out of Legos) - thank you for the supplies!
- V. President's Report – Megan Gemp**
 - Motion for the Board to approve the January 12, 2022 meeting minutes was approved unanimously.
 - Discussion ensued as to Valentine's Day teacher breakfast and snacks provided by HMS PTO.
 - As to the April Wilmette Theater Box Office Month, more details to come re: movie selection and date during March PTO meeting.
 - Actively working on slate for HMS PTO for 2022-2023. Please contact Megan Gemp if interested in open positions.

VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS

Ways and Means: Ivana Uzelac

- Online store for Spirit wear has been set up - thanks to Denise Lam for her hard work on this as well as Patrick Parmentier and Mina Fey for their diligence.

Enrichment: Rebecca Freeborn

- Discussion ensued as to possible virtual and in-person spring enrichment programs, including but not limited to Brainetics, BMX Biker program, and Mr. Freeze.

Special Events: Elizabeth Jensen

- Aloha Spring (scheduled for 4.29) has had a committee meeting and is moving forward.

Communications: Amy Giannico-Schuster

- Running smoothly; nothing additional to report.

Community Services: Jenine Tubergen

- Yearbook orders are on track.
- Teacher Appreciation Week scheduled for May 2-6.

Student Programs: Sarah Squires-Doyle

● After School Clubs:

Winter clubs are up and running with some still with open spots. Discussion ensued as to a possible future newspaper club. Rubiks club may be a possible Spring Club beginning in mid March for six weeks but no other spring clubs will occur.

VII. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Parmentier

- Updated financials were provided as well as the updated fiscal budget.
- Discussion ensued as to potential PTO funded gifts to the school given healthy reserves and healthy financial position.

VIII. Adjournment

UPCOMING DATES:

- 3/2 9:15 am Exec Meeting - zoom
- 4/6 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD (outdoors?)
- 5/4 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD (outdoors?)
- 6/1 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD (outdoors?)
- Executive Board Get Together - TBD

