



DECEMBER 8, 2021 HIGHCREST PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES (MEETING VIA ZOOM)

I. Call to Order: Called to Order – President Megan Gemp at 9:17 am

II. October and November Minutes approved by the PTO Executive Board.

Will request posting of approved September, October, and November 2021 minutes to the PTO website.

III. Principal's Report - Kelly Jackson

- Reminder that there is a Friday General Board Meeting for HMS and WJHS via Zoom (link in Headlines) with Dr. Cremascoli presenting. An overview of the Strategic Plan will be presented.
- Discussion ensued as to after school clubs at HMS and WJHS which will not be run by the park district in the winter and spring but will either be teacher led or led by individual companies (Skyline for example). Staffing issues and diverging needs preclude the park district to continue running the after school clubs at this time. Winter session clubs are live for registration and include six offerings. There will be a spring evaluation of where clubs are heading and what are needed/successful for our students in light of all of the community after school opportunities.
- There are numerous activities offered at HMS (including student council) which offer leadership and service opportunities as well as social and emotional learning based groups and support clubs (including Pride, emotional support groups, grief support groups supported by local Willow House), infinity group, and no place for hate group in partnership with the ADL) for our students. Remind your students of these wonderful opportunities.
- Discussion ensued as to potential Aloha Spring event or a re-envisioned expanded Field Day. Considerations include potential open dates, increased staffing and parent presence, day time vs. night time experience for our students. More details and discussion to follow between admin and PTO.
- Exciting news! Our students via their homerooms raised close to \$3K to directly support local veterans. Bravo to our students who through individually led bake sales, raking leaves, and even simple \$1 contributions, and other endeavors raised the money which will be used by a local veteran's hospital to provide support during and beyond the holiday season. Very proud of our Hawks!

IV. Teacher Liaison Report - Becky Kross

- Thank you to the PTO for all of the yummy treats and meals provided during conferences. The conference meals provide a time for teachers to connect with each other and build community with each other, and the teachers and staff greatly appreciate all of the effort.
- Starting in February/March, the PE classes will offer skating, dance and Krav Maga opportunities for our students.
- Exciting opportunities called the Cat Meme Cafe (in school coffee and delivery business) and a field trip to the Orphans of the Storm site for some of our special needs students continue.
- French classes will be creating non-edible macarons from bottle tops and recycled materials (oui!) and the Spanish classes will be exploring holiday traditions and creating pinatas soon.

V. President's Report – Megan Gemp

- Board moved and approved October and November 2021 Board Meeting minutes.
- December's Executive Board Holiday Meeting @ the Bottle Shop is rescheduled for Thursday, January 13 6:00 - 7:30 pm. January's Executive Board Meeting will occur simultaneously at the event.
- Friday, December 10, 2021: General Meeting with WJHS via Zoom at 9:15 am - Dr. Cremascoli to present. Zoom link in Headlines
- Continue to discuss with Kelly Jackson the teacher and staff's desires for "enrichment" activities.
- Big thank you to Carolyn Gilbert and Jenine Tubergen for all of their hard work in providing food and snacks during teacher conferences. Thank you, thank you!
- Thank you to Elizabeth Jensen for taking the minutes from November's Executive Board Meeting.

VI. Committee Reports:

Ways & Means

- Spirit Wear - Continued exploration of Venmo as an option to pay for Spirit wear and stream-lining payment and sales options in the future.

Enrichment

- German class field trip to the Christmas market downtown in December just occurred and was successful.

Special Events

- Aloha Spring or end of year "field day" discussion earlier in the meeting occurred. Stay tuned for more details!

Communications

- Continue to advertise teacher and staff holiday gift fund with a cut off date.

Community Services

- No updates

Student Programs

- **After School Clubs**
Winter club session registration is live. Sign up today!
- **Yearbook**
Update: Late February deadline to order yearbooks; 208 sold to date. Order yours today!

VII. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Parmentier

- Account Balance Summary as of November 30, 2021 was provided to the Executive Board Members. 2021-2022 Budget was provided as well. Reminder that PayPal sales should include a description of the transaction, if possible (i.e. what the sale is for)

VIII. Adjournment at 9:55 am

UPCOMING DATES:

12/10/2021 9:15 am General Meeting with Dr. Cremascoli - Zoom

1/13/22 6:00 pm Executive Board - Holiday Get Together - Bottle Shop

2/2/22 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Zoom?

3/2/22 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Zoom? Tent?

4/6/22 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent? (in person)

5/4/22 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent? (in person)

6/1/22 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent? (in person)