



OCTOBER 6, 2021 HIGHCREST PTO EXECUTIVE. BOARD MEETING MINUTES

I. Call to Order: Called to Order – President Megan Gemp

II. September 1, 2021 Minutes approved by Executive Board

III. Principal's Report - Kelly Jackson

- Freaky Friday is almost here; lots of hard work by the committee; encourage communication as to drop off and pick up procedures for smooth transportation to and from the event.
- MAP Test scores will be sent home; parents should reach out to the main office if assessment is not received.
- Professional development included insightful Social Emotional Learning / responsive classroom training.

IV. Teacher Liaison Report - Becky Kross

- Highlights include the following:
- Utilization of a civilization app that the students really enjoy
- German classes participated in a Zoom Friday night pretzel event.
- End of 1st rotation for the Creative Arts classes.
- Maker activities in the Learning Commons include Halloween themed activities
- Upcoming Bandjam by WJHS band and orchestra students - a great introduction for HMS students as to what the music department has to offer
- 5th Grade transition survey for both parents and students will be sent out.
- Walk Against Hate is this upcoming Sunday beginning at 9 am

V. President's Report – Megan Gemp

- Approve September minutes
- Slate Status: Still looking for President Elect, Environmental Awareness chair; please contact Megan Gemp if interested or know of a talented parent volunteer for these roles
- Obtained PTO Insurance after reaching out to other D39 PTAs/PTOs and researching options

VI. Committee Reports:

Ways & Means

- Book Fair - virtual book fair this week (continue to advertise)
- iGNITE donations continue
- Birthday Books: no status
- Spirit wear: on-going sales

Enrichment

- Upcoming enrichment events including Heller Nature Center (6th Grade)
- BMX Biker, Matt Wilhelm (5th Grade) moved to Spring 2022
- Discussion ensued as to projected annual cost for the year given that many in person activities may not be able to occur as in years' past and may need to explore virtual events

Special Events

- Freaky Friday – October 22, 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Committee has been meeting and working hard to organize a fun evening for HMS students. Two weeks away so need in school advertising and social media. Ticket sales are at approximately 108 (\$15 each) so far. Activities include: Kona Ice, DJ, photo booth, custom favors, walk through haunted house
- Parent Party Connections - postponed until Spring 2022

Communications

- Membership Toolkit – additional registration numbers
- Communications link updated - should be working correctly now

Community Services

Student Programs

- **After School Clubs**
After much hard work and a few unforeseen bumps, after school clubs are up and running with HMS and WJHS students. Clubs include: Yearbook, High Five Choir, Chess to name a few. Math Club anticipated for later in the fall in November. January will start the winter session.
- **Yearbook** - link to Jostens on Membership Toolkit
- **Student Council**
Starting this week
- **Community Service**
MADD, October 23 update
- **School Store**
Opening TBD
- **Variety Show:**
Discussion ensued as to calendaring May date

VII. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Parmentier

- Updated financials - Account Balance Summary as of September 30, 2021 was provided and detailed to Exec Board Members

VIII. Adjournment

UPCOMING DATES:

11/3/2021 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent?

12/1/2021 9:15 am 7:30 pm Exec Holiday Get Together?? TBD

1/5/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Zoom?

2/2/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Zoom?

3/2/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Zoom? Tent?

4/6/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent?
5/4/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent
6/1/2022 9:15 am Executive Meeting - Tent