January 11, 2021 PTA Meeting Minutes

PTA: Hammond Elementary School PTA, General PTA Business Virtual Meeting, via Zoom
Date: January 11, 2021
Time: 7:00- 7:50pm

In Attendance: Kristina Kunkle, Stephen Price, Opeyemi Awolesi, Mrs. Ciarapica, Kathleen Denny, Christina Felsen (PTACH), Robyn Bell Dickson, Lisa Otero, Aysha Alburaki, Katie Zook, Nicholas George, Folusho Olusi, Laura Quinn, Aubrey Simon, Fred Mejias, Megan Grosso, Jamie Barrios, Crystal Hypolite, Linfeng Chen, Arnelle Quashie, Bisi Okubadejo, Susan McCoy, Nykia Mapson, Aisha Applewhite,

I. **Call Meeting to Order**: Kristina Kunkle Roll call, Introductions

II. **Review and approval of minutes from November 9, 2021**: Opeyemi Awolesi presented the minutes. Stephen Price moved the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Linfeng Chen.

III. Reports of Officers

1. Treasurer's Report: Stephen Price

2021-2022 Budget	**Budget**	**Actual**	**Variance**
Total Fundraising Receipts	$ 30,275.00	$ 339.72	$ (29,935.28)
Total Membership Receipts	$ 2,500.00	$ 2,074.00	$ (426.00)
Total Receipts	**$ 32,775.00**	**$ 2,413.72**	**$ (30,361.28)**
Total Fundraising Expenses	$ 8,070.00	$ -	$ 8,070.00
Total Organization Expenses	$ 3,805.00	$ 256.52	$ 3,548.48
Total Project Expenses	$ 36,025.00	$ 5,047.12	$ 30,977.88
Total Expense	**$ 47,900.00**	**$ 5,303.64**	**$ 42,596.36**

Teachers are encouraged to join the PTA so the PTA can reimburse them up to $110 ($10 membership fee, and up to $100 for items purchased for their classroom or Tuffy trade-in items that support PBIS).
Principal's snack budget – the snack budget for staff meetings.
We received a check from Amazon from members who logged into amazon through the amazon smiles.

2. Membership Report: Kathleen Denny

We currently have 213 PTA members, we added 11 new members from the last meeting in November 2021. New parents joined on December 14, 2021 when we sent the December update emails. No new teachers have joined since the November meeting, VP membership will send an email to Ms. Ciarapica for permission to email the teachers as a reminder to join and receive a reimbursement.

3. Communications Report: Becky Eng
   We have renewed the domain name for hespta.org for the maximum 9-year duration to ensure we do not lose the domain name.

4. PTACH Report – Christina Felsen
   - Legislative report update – Policy 6010 Redistricting policy. Successful redistricting utilization will be 90% instead of the previous 110% requirement. PowerPoint Presentation (ptachc.org).
   - Early childhood education and its importance – Implementing-Blueprint-Presentation-1-3-22.pdf (ptachc.org).

IV. Old or Ongoing Business – Kristina Kunkle (President)

- Spirit Wear Distribution: backordered items should be arriving sometime this month. Shipping label update, no exact date of receiving the orders but they should arrive towards the end of January.
- Outdoor Movie Night: rescheduled for April 22, 2022 (Earth Day). We will be watching the movie Lorax and it ties with the Earth Day theme.
- Successful restaurant night at Chipotle on 11/17, we raised $174.7.
- The PTA typically provides dinner to the HES staff during one of the conference nights in November. Since conferences were remote, we were able to provide a free meal at Kloby's instead, and 43 staff members participated.
- First and fifth grade have scheduled PTA-sponsored in-house field trips.

V. **New Business**

- **Administration Report: Ms. Ciarapica**
  - In-house field trips: there has been a halt on those field trips but will resume when it's safe to proceed.
  - Contact tracing – there will be a board meeting on 1/12/2022 so everything being shared here is subject to change. Prior to now, contact tracing was done by a QuaranTeam who walk steps back, review seating charts etc. to determine who had been exposed to a person who tested positive for Covid 19. This worked reasonably well in the beginning when we had many cases and then 3 months of no cases. When we returned from winter break, when we receive reports of kids who tested positive and have been in school for the last 48 hours, we inform Health Services and provide educational packets for continued instruction. HES is no longer sending emails, the health department is handling it now. The quarantine period has been shortened from 10 days to 5 days. Staff is no longer considered fully vaccinated unless they have received their booster shots and will be required to quarantine. We have reached a rough patch where many

staff are testing positive including those who are boosted or vaccinated.
    - Klobys – Teachers loved Klobys and expressed heartfelt thanks to the PTA.
    - Beginner concert- an update will be shared shortly. It is scheduled to take place in 2weeks, but HES is planning optimistically to reschedule to the end of February in order to accommodate everyone that would love to attend.
    - HES absence forms – Parents are encouraged to use the absence forms as it helps the school to track and relieves parents from writing notes. It can be found on the HES website and on the HESPTA website.
- **Update on Events:**
    - Planning to move ahead with the Spring Carnival scheduled for May 7, 2022 between 3pm – 6pm. We still need volunteers for the spring carnival, please email president@hespta.org.

VI. **Announcements**

- Upcoming Events
- 1/18: Restaurant Night at Chick-fil-A (John Hopkins road), all day. Drive thru, mobile drive-thru only.
- Spring carnival event. Food truck for May 7
- Dates of PTA Meetings
    - 3/8: PTA Meeting, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)
    - 5/10: PTA Meeting: Elections, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)
    - 6/7: PTA Meeting, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)

VII. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- Teacher shortage – HES does not have teacher vacancies but they do have teacher absences. Mrs. Mapson has been effective in covering those absences.
- HES is hiring for lunch monitors, recess monitors, substitute teachers. All are encouraged to apply.
- Proof of negative result – all results are being sent to Mrs. Rozgonyi (School Nurse). A negative result is no longer required as long as the person has quarantined for 5 days and has shown no fever in 24 hours. A negative result is encouraged but no longer required.

VIII. **Adjournment**: Kristina Kunkle moved a motion to adjourn.