

HES PTA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, March 3, 2026, 7:00 p.m. @ HES Teachers' Lounge

(across hall from cafeteria - enter school through main 1st Ave doors)

1. **Call to order:** 7:01 p.m.
2. **Reading & Approval of minutes**
 - a. No corrections; minutes approved
3. **Roll Call & Quorum (4 voting members, including at least 2 elected officers)**
 - a. Attending: Jessica Reeves, Calixta Gorman, Brooke Fullmer, Amanda Catanzaro, Jessica Sakuma, Christina Siddall, Jenny Peters, Deborah Van Law
 - b. Quorum is met
4. **Principal Notes:**
 - a. Emily Brown is out on medical leave
 - b. ISAT testing begins April 27
 - c. Ski week is next week
 - d. St. Thomas Playhouse will hold an assembly in April
 - e. The week of March 16th is Reading Spirit Week
5. **Financial Report (Treasurer) :**
 - a. We had more transactions this month, including classroom credits
 - i. Has been used: almost \$1,000 Jog-a-thon credit and \$350 membership drive credit
 - b. We haven't used any of the teacher appreciation budget this year
 - c. We should remove Wagons Ho from next year's budget
 - d. Jessica R. will discuss the 5th grade graduation budget with teachers
6. **Reports of Officers and Committees:**
 - a. President
 - i. Merchandise store
 1. The store is open, with 22 orders (6 days left)
 2. The process has been complicated (voucher code problems, etc.)
 3. The store was set up to ship to home addresses, not the school
 - ii. Bulletin board
 1. The board is set up so it is easy to update information (pictures, flyers, etc.)
 - b. Vice-President
 - i. N/A
 - c. Teacher Representative
 - i. N/A
 - d. Special Committees/Guests
 - i. Deborah Van Law (Blaine County Education Foundation; school meal support request)
 1. Overview
 - a. School meals is the largest program (started 2023)

- b. BCEF provides funding for students who do not qualify for completely free meals (cap of about \$41,000 for family of four)
 - c. BCEF's expanded category covers one breakfast and one lunch per day
 - d. At the end of the year, BCEF tries to cover negative balances (prioritizing homeless students and graduating seniors, with input from social workers)
 - e. This year, BCEF is reaching out to local PTAs to explain the program and request donations
 - f. HES: 38 students as of November (18 BCEF category, 20 reduced category) (recently there are 4 homeless students, who now qualify for federal free meals)
- 2. Donation request for Hailey PTA
 - a. We could set aside a donation specifically for HES students
 - b. The price for HES students is roughly \$750/month (reduced + full)
 - c. We will discuss (and possibly vote) at the April meeting
- ii. Scholarship (Stephanie and Amanda)
 - 1. There are 17 applicants as of today (will be received by the end of the week)
 - 2. The amount to pay BCEF is \$1,100

7. Unfinished Business and General Orders

- a. Status: Ski pass raffle
 - i. Packets are being sent home
 - 1. Jessica R. will make sure all Grade 3-5 classes receive them
 - ii. We need to take a photo
 - iii. Prizes (needed by March 17)
 - 1. Two winning tickets: Jenny will contact the new toy store (\$50 each)
 - 2. Top seller: Amanda will contact Iconoclast (\$30)
 - 3. Top class: Ice cream sandwiches
- b. Status: St. Patrick's Day bingo (5:00 - 6:30 p.m., March 17)
 - i. We now have a facilities account and have officially booked the cafeteria
 - ii. Jessica R. will test the new speakers and label them with our name
 - iii. Brooke will be the contact person for toys and prizes
 - iv. We have some leftover prizes from past events
 - v. We should have separate tables for people who just want cards, and those who want to buy extra cards/food
 - vi. We could move the food section to a different location
 - vii. Jessica S. will send out the signup sheet again
 - viii. Could we ask high schoolers to do community service? (Jessica R. will ask Stephanie)
 - ix. Brooke will talk to Wise Guy's about donating pizza
 - x. Christina can get dessert and beverages at Costco
- c. Status: Website

- i. Givebacks
 - 1. Idaho PTA pays for us to use Givebacks, which we have to use in some capacity for updating board members, etc.
 - 2. It includes mailing list management, membership dues, member management, etc.
 - 3. Jessica S. will test the website service
- d. Status: Art to Remember
 - i. Shawn Shumacher will submit art (the ordering period is affected by the date of the concert, which is not yet scheduled)

8. New Business

- a. Future of HES
 - i. Discussed at the February 10 School Board Meeting
 - 1. Video: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7hA8FLoepEw> (starts around 15:00)
 - 2. The School Board took a tour of HES, and are now thinking that a new build is the most financially sound choice
 - 3. The next step is researching costs, architects, etc.
- b. Teacher grants
 - i. Paula Doub (GATE): IBOB Shirts (\$248.04)
 - 1. T-shirts for 14 students (Grades 4 and 5) to wear at IBOB competition
 - 2. Motion to approve grant: Jessica R.
 - 3. Seconded: Amanda
 - 4. All in favor, motion passed

9. Announcements

- 1. Next meeting: Tuesday, April 7th @ 7pm
- 2. Important dates for March
 - a. Tuesday, March 3, 5:30 - 6:30 p.m.: Rising 6Gr Parent/Student Night @ WRMS
 - b. Tuesday, March 3, 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.: Ski week informational session
 - c. Friday, March 6: Teacher Work Day (no school)
 - d. Friday, March 6: PreK/Kindergarten registration
 - i. We will ask Katie if we should cover lunch on this day
 - e. Monday, March 9: Thursday, March 12: Snow Sports Week (Grade 3 - 5)
 - f. Friday, March 20: 8:15 - 9:00 a.m.: Family Friday
 - i. Jessica R. will research the grant requirements for passing out smoke/carbon monoxide detectors
 - g. Comet assembly?
 - h. Monday, March 23 - Friday, March 27th: SPRING BREAK

10. Adjourn @ 8:16 p.m.