Harvard Schools PTO
Fall Member Meeting Minutes
Wednesday, October 26th 7:30 pm

- Welcome (Dana)
    - Introduction of the 2022-23 PTO Board
        - Dana Oliver - President
        - Katie Berg - VP
        - Amy Nutt - Secretary
        - James O'Leary - Treasurer

- Introduction of the New TBS & HES Administrators (Dana)
    - 2 Truths & A Lie Game
    - Dr Rebecca Katsh-Singer, HES Principal
        - 1 -- I am excellent at finding parking spaces.
        - 2 -- I love staying up late at night.
        - 3 -- I have a bobblehead of myself in my office.
            - Member Survey Results (vote for the lie):
                - 1: 23%
                - 2: 74%
                - 3: 3%
            - Actual Lie: #2 (26% of people guessed incorrectly)
    - Hilary Sturgis, HES Assistant Principal
        - 1 – I once took an organizational skills course and it changed my life
        - 2 – I have two kids (one has fur and four legs)
        - 3 – Previous career goals included animal trainer and criminal psychologist
            - Member Survey Results(vote for the lie):
                - 1: 39%
                - 2: 42%
                - 3: 19%
            - Actual Lie: #1 (61% of people guessed incorrectly)
    - Stephen Greene; TBS Principal, Grades 6 - 8
        - 1-- I prefer talk radio and audio books over netflix shows
        - 2-- I was a 2 sport athlete in college (lacrosse and soccer)
        - 3-- Hiking and camping are passions of mine
            - Member Survey Results (vote for the lie):
                - 1: 17%
                - 2: 23%
                - 3: 60%
            - Actual Lie: #3 (40% of people guessed incorrectly)
    - Kimberley Murphy; TBS Principal, Grades 9-12
        - 1 - I can do a split
        - 2 - I can solve a rubik's cube
        - 3 - I still have my childhood stuffed animal
            - Member Survey Results (vote for the lie):
                - 1: 19%

        - 2: 74%
        - 3: 6%
    - Actual Lie: #2 (26% of people guessed incorrectly)
  - Congratulations to Hilary Sturgis for her big win (A Harvard “H” blanket)
  - Thanks to the Administration for joining us tonight

- Looking Back at 2021-22 (Katie)
  - Review of the Annual Report

- Fiscal review of 2021-2022 (James)
  - Review of the numbers

- Celebrating 2022-23 Fall Fundraising & Events (Amy)
  - This is an opportunity for Committee Chairs to give an update on what they’ve worked on this fall, share their successes and challenges, let us know what’s coming next and what they need for volunteers and support
  - Supplies (Rachel Kopay)
    - More than ½ of HES students participated in this bulk ordering supply program this year despite few and summer-times emails
    - Hopes in the future for more participation, cutting of over-supplies, continuing to provide supplies to students in need
  - Membership (Jasmine)
    - Numbers (175 as of today… some renewals still to come in…)
    - Events: Kindergarten picnic, flea market
    - Incentives coming later this fall
  - Business Partners (Tammy)
    - 10 partners so far and a few more hopefully coming in
    - Encouraged members to reach out to “Just One” business for support
    - Will need a new chair or co-chairs next year
  - Apparel (Marnie)
    - Successful spirit drive
    - TBS sweatshirts at the Flea Market
    - T-shirts for new teachers and students in need
  - New Family (Alissa)
    - Emails going out regularly with local updates
    - Social event in the works
  - Square 1 Art (Rachel)
    - Artwork submitted
    - Catalogs coming soon for ordering prior to the holidays
  - Teacher Appreciation - HES (Geena), TBS (Rachel)
    - Lots going on this fall
  - Directory (Dana)
    - Waiting on families to complete electronic forms
    - Hoping to have these out prior to the winter break

    - DEI (Amy)
        - Haven't kicked off yet but will be reaching out soon
        - Contact us if you'd like to be involved
    - Book Fair (Sowmya)
        - Silver Unicorn Bookstore
        - Nov 28 - Dec 2; Parent night Wed Nov 30

- Other things from this fall… (Katie)
    - Ran the school-wide Election for the School Council Parent Representative Election - Lots of votes and candidates !! Congrats to Kate Guthro
    - Working on Community Outreach
        - 4th of July Parade
        - HES Principal Coffee & Tours
        - TBS Tours Upcoming 11/10
            - If you have a student who wants to be a tour guide let us know
    - Working on Member Outreach
        - Fall social event at the general
        - Winter event coming soon in early December
    - Plus lots coming up for the winter and beyond
        - Directory + Membership incentives - we hope to have out before break
        - Readathon is being planned
        - Soiree is already on the books - Looking for raffle items. have a biz? have any connections? please donate….

- Call for Ideas and Open Floor (James)
    - We are always looking for suggestions, new ideas, more hands, more help
    - Open floor, we'd love to hear from you
    - Let us know if you'd like to be on the in person volunteer list
    - Reach out to us after the meeting anytime

- Thank you & Adjourn (Dana)

Attendees

Guests:

- Hilary Sturgis (HES Assistant Principal)
- Kim Murphy (TBS Principal Grades 9 - 12)
- Rebecca Katsch-Singer (HES Principal)
- Stephen Greene (TBS Principal Grades 6 - 8)

Members:

- Amy Nutt (Secretary)
- Dana Oliver (President)
- James O'Leary (Treasurer)
- Katie Berg (Vice President)
- Alissa Weiss (New family chair)
- Geena Fitek (HES Teacher Appreciation chair)
- Jasmine Cook (Membership chair)
- Marnie Reichenbach (Apparel chair)
- Rachel Huelin (Sq 1 Art & TBS Teacher Appreciation chair)
- Rachel Kopay (Supplies chair)
- Sowmya Sampige (Sq 1 Art & Book Fair chair)
- Tammy Haschig (Business Partners chair)
- Ally Zhu
- Beth Graham
- Cathy-Ann Alexander
- Charles Oliver
- Danielle Miller
- Denis Nothern
- Elizabeth McGrath
- Elizabeth Nees
- Eric Weiss
- Karen Svarvzkopf
- Kristen Ohler
- Lauren Derse
- Mabel Seward
- Monica Tibbits-Nutt
- Paige Johnston
- Philip Tran
- Seth Trotz
- Stacey Keneally
- Yelena Cope
- Yirong Meng (LE)

Minutes prepared by Amy Nutt. Reviewed by Dana Oliver. 10/26/2022