

HEPTA Board Meeting minutes

10:00 AM, January 18, 2022 – Zoom

ATTENDEES: Alexis Books, Erin Schleifer, Serina Audibert, Candi Fowler, Paula Izbicki

Lexy motioned to call meeting to order at 10:03, Candi seconded – motion carried

PRINCIPALS' REPORTS

Paula Izbicki:

- Last week was Math Week – lots of fun
- Funds from the no-sales fundraiser have been distributed, discussions are taking place to figure out how to use them
- Looking for a school nurse, tech integrator, guidance counselor, and PE teacher due to retirements at the end of this year, and a kindergarten teacher position that began this year as a one-year contract is being extended – they will be interviewing for this as well
- Kindergarten registration for 2022-23 is now open
- AIMSWEB testing taking place, so far so good
- Teachers used early release day this past Friday to plan at the grade level and individually
- Cookies provided to staff on PD day were deeply appreciated
- SAU superintendent extended the district-wide mask mandate for another week
- Covid cases are rising, but not due to in-building transmission. A few staff members have gotten it too, but the numbers haven't yet impacted the ability of the school to stay open. Emails notifying the school of positive tests should be sent to both Ellen Lencsak and Paula Izbicki so that if one of them happens to be out, it is still seen by someone

Candi Fowler:

- Covid cases are rising at HUES too; a few staff members have had Covid there as well, but like at HPS, the numbers haven't yet impacted the ability of school to stay open
- Cross country skiing unit has not yet been able to take place yet this year due to weather conditions
- Teacher spelling bee took place on the early release day, video will be watched by students before their own spelling bee on January 20th

- Geography bee will take place in February
- AIMSWEBS and developmental reading testing are taking place now
- NAEP testing on January 31st – students selected at random in 4th grade to take nationwide exam so the nation can get a read on how schools are doing
- Cookies provided to staff on PD day were deeply appreciated at HUES too
- Still planning to do Read Across America week – it will be combined with hat day donations to the Special Olympics for Officer Kush, who will be taking the Penguin Plunge into the Atlantic Ocean

VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Serina Audibert

- Popcorn fundraiser kicks off tomorrow, 4 days only. All takes place online - popcorn shipped directly to customers so anyone, anywhere can order

NEW BUSINESS

- During February the PTA will provide refreshments from Aroma Joe's or Dunkin on Fridays for the staff who work the car line
- Lexy moved to appoint Robyn Panciocco to the Volunteer Coordinator position, Candi seconded – motion carried
- Lexy moved to add a line item to the budget for trophies for Brenda Nickerson at the HUES library (to be given to students for the spelling bee, chess club, and geography club), Paula seconded – motion carried
- Sarah will be meeting with our CPA today
- 6th grade Promotion Day will likely be outside again, front row parking and seats to be given to PTA board members as an enticement for people to join the board
- Field Day will likely allow parent volunteers this year
- Still trying to figure out if a ski club session for February in which parents drive their children to the mountain is possible

Candi motioned to adjourn at 10:43 AM, Lexy seconded – motion carried