**March 8, 2022 PTA Meeting Minutes**

**PTA**: Hammond Elementary School PTA, General PTA Business Virtual Meeting, via Zoom
**Date:** March 8, 2022
**Time**: 7:00- 7:43pm

**In Attendance**: Kristina Kunkle, Opeyemi Awolesi, Mrs. Ciarapica, Kathleen Denny, Robyn Bell Dickson, Laura Quinn, Aubrey Simon, Nykia Mapson, Luis Medina, Melissa Zawadski, Sherry Bohn, Jin Coleman, Stephanie Glorioso

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

I. **Review and approval of minutes from January 11, 2022**: Opeyemi Awolesi presented the minutes. Becky Eng moved the motion to approve the minutes and was seconded by Leigh String.

**II. Reports of Officers**

1. Treasurer's Report: Kristina Kunle presented on behalf of Stephen Price
   $533.70 – spent on teacher's conference and some down payments for the Spring Carnival.

2. Membership Report: Kathleen Denny
   We currently have 218 PTA members, we added 5 new members from the last meeting in November 2021. 4 new parents joined and 1 is a staff member.

3. Communications Report: Becky Eng
   Becky notified the meeting that her term is ending and wanted to provide information about her role. VP Communications handles the website, facebook posts and manages the e-blast. It's not a lot of work and she encouraged those interested to let her know and ask questions.

4. PTACH Report – Christina Felsen was unable to join and Kristina shared the latest legislative update - PowerPoint Presentation (ptachc.org)

**III. Old or Ongoing Business – Kristina Kunkle (President)**

- Teacher's conference was successful – Peppers jack was popular. 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.
- Celebrated valentine's day in class and was very successful.

V. **New Business**

- **Administration Report: Ms. Ciarapica**
  - Thanked the PTA for the Pepper Jacks – staff enjoyed the treat and appreciated the support for small businesses in the area.
  - Re- Valentine's day celebration - Apple slices scarcity is noted for future celebrations in school.
  - End of year activities – we can't have people in school during school activities due to covid-19 verification process but can have people in

the building after school hours. End of year celebrations cannot be in the school building
    - The simulated congressional hearing is scheduled.
    - May 12, 5th grade kids will visit the middle school in person.
    - May 19 Typical field day outside.
    - Last day of school is June 17, 2022. The President's day saved the school from closing on June 22, 2022.
    - There may be a celebration for the HES PTA gifts to the school, maybe a potluck outdoor.
    - Technology update- there is no update at the moment. K-3 chromebooks are being kept at school to reduce the wear and tear. 3rd grade use technology for homework and the school will work with them on implementing use. Families are encouraged to monitor use of the Chromebook for academic use instead of recreation use.
    - Typical Peer Conflict – we're starting to see typical peer conflict which are common as they interact with each other in the spring. If you get a call from the school, it's okay. The school is working with families to find lasting solutions. Learning behaviors is a continuum.
    - Mask Mandate – 75% of staff still wearing masks, kids are using it 50%. Grateful that the kids are respectful of other's choices.
- **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.
    - Arts festival coming up.
    - HES is turning 50 and the PTA is presenting a few gifts. A student art display case, replacing the outdoor shed to store supplies and a buddy bench fabricated and donated to the school.
    - The Communications VP and Treasurer positions are open for election. We are looking for a grade level liaison for the incoming Kindergarten class. We have one in place and need one more.
    - We have openings for Committee chairs also, interested persons to email president@hespta.org.

VI. **Announcements**

- Upcoming Events
- Movie night -April 22
- Spring carnival event. Food truck for May 7
- Dates of PTA Meetings
    - 5/10: PTA Meeting: Elections, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)
    - 6/7: PTA Meeting, 7pm (TBD Zoom or in-person)

VII. **QUESTIONS & ANSWERS**

- Does HES have a GTACH rep? HES has a GTACH rep.
- Picture notice- was today the first announcement of class picture day tomorrow 3/9/2022? It was in the TigerTale from March 1 but the envelopes went home today (3/8/22) to the families.

- Raffle Basket – Nail spa, pie in the face is also popular, PTA can donate the nail polish to the teachers. Leigh to provide an announcement to share the idea and get volunteers. Usually popular instead of relying on small business donations.
- Fifth Grade dance (PTA Sponsored) – Dance, DJ and food. Friday or Saturday night, preferably Saturday night so parents can volunteer to decorate the cafeteria. Snacks were donated; we may be able to set up outside. Weekend activities incur additional custodial costs. Important to discuss with admin (Principal and Mrs, Mapson) as they would need to be present and will like to make an input on the date.
- Yearbook this year? Yes, Mrs. Koerber is leading. Student pictures, staff pictures, more details to come. Will it include pictures from activities in the school? Yes.
- Process for repairing Chromebooks? Everything goes through Mrs. Koerber; there is a small possibility that she can fix or it may be sent to the central technology office. There may be charges with repairing and the student may have access to a replacement.
- Has a board committee been created for board vacancies? Not currently but we welcome volunteers. It should constitute 3 people. Interested persons to contact the President at president@hespta.org

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