



Harper PTO Executive Board Meeting Notes
Tuesday April 5, 9:15am
LOCATION: Zoom

Attendance: Laurel Nelson, Johanna Toppenberg, Tracey Fitzgerald, Aaron Dubnow, Laura Geiger, Kari Darmstadter, Katie Hilton, Sheetal Shah, Danielle Slattery, Daniela Burnham, Elizabeth Stark

Old Business

- Approval of Minutes – March 2021 approved

Principal's Report - Aaron Dubnow

- Covid numbers have been stable
- Conferences - 4/21 and 4/22, sign-ups open
- IAR testing - 3rd and 4th graders this week and next week
- End of school year events - Open house coming up, planning field day
- Staff/teacher appreciation - Friday this week honoring paraprofessionals
- Harper construction this summer - new boiler project, 4 main bathrooms are being renovated

President Report: Laurel Nelson

- Parent social in spring - could also plan social with open house
- May general meeting topics
 - Approve slate for next year
 - Mindfulness speaker - in-person in the auditorium, Katie and Laurel will coordinate date
 - Changes to bylaws - Kari and Laurel will send updates out
- Movie night - date TBD

President Elect Report: Kari Darmstadter

- Teacher Appreciation Week
 - Theme is Camp Harper, will be the first week of May
 - Raising donations for gift card raffle. Please share with neighbors and family. Goal is to raise enough for \$50 gift card per teacher.
 - Monday: "Camp Kick Off" Decorated teachers' doors, Central Station Coffee bar or Starbucks boxes and an Oatmeal Bar in lounge
 - Tuesday: Sweet Treats: "We need s'more teachers like you" (including s'more cookies/brownies) in lounge
 - Wednesday: Flowers from children at doors **catered lunch if budget allows

- Thursday: "Wellness Day" - Yoga class offered in AM before school either gym or blacktop depending on weather, make your own trail mix bar, ** chair massages in teachers lounge if budget allows
- Friday: Catered BBQ Lunch on blacktop or in lounge weather dependant
- Working with room parents to communicate with families and find volunteers
- Fundraiser with Lawrence Deans - spring cookie decorating kit, order until 4/22 or 100 kits, \$20 includes 10 cookies and icing, \$5 goes to PTO

Room Parents: Tracey Fitzgerald & Laura Geiger

- 4th grade farewell
 - Lunch is 6/7 -Corner Bakery box lunches, will send order form for lunch and tshirts
 - Communications through Harper Happenings, facebook page, email
 - Party is 6/9- theme is "We Nailed It"
 - Still need photos for video montage
- Spirit Wear - worked with Chris Beer to see if we can add it to our website, but found company we can order through and we don't have to pre-buy inventory, we get a 10% markup.

Enrichment: Katie Hilton & Sheetal Shah

- Mother/son dance - Laurel will connect with Sheetal after connecting with the parent social committee.
- Considering sign-up parties to help build community next school year
- Scheduling 3 sessions of mindfulness per grade
- Clara Barton presentation for 3rd graders before spring break
- Griffins Tale - working on logistics because there will only be one performance, may livestream to classrooms