



Harper PTO Executive Board Meeting Notes
Wednesday, October 19, 2022 9:15 a.m.
LOCATION: Harper Elementary

Attendance - Kari Darmstadter, Aaron Dubnow, Tracey Fitzgerald, Daniela Burnham, Sheetal Shah, Jesse Schirmang, Allison Achter, Erin Lawler, Natalie Kapnick, Danielle Slattery, Allison Soderstrom, Marni Sheehan

Old Business

- Call to order- 9:18 a.m.
- Approval of Minutes – September 2022 [Marni, 2nd- Danielle]

Principal's Report - Aaron Dubnow

- Unity Day today- special messaging project
- Picture Day last week- successful
- Halloween parade back on October 31st- all grades
- Conferences coming up
 - Some uniformity as District. Google form sent out for in-person
 - Elementary easier to accommodate in person requests
 - Impactful conferences both on zoom and in person
 - Parents feedback here they want the options both ways- but not feel like the District is swaying in one direction

President Report: Kari Darmstadter

- Congratulations to Board- accomplished so much in 2 months- thank you from Kari so much
- Color copies- impactful costs that can be avoided- motions to make black and white copies reimbursable only
 - So far \$600 on color copies as PTO YTD
 - OUTCOME- Discourage full sheet color copies- provide alternative options- seek approval through PTO for color copy reimbursements
- PTO clubs
 - Lots of logistics- but bringing back H4H Winter- registration out in Nov
 - Skyline coming back 3rd & 4th (possible 2nd too)
- 11/16 PTO Exec meeting- looking into moving meeting 11/30 @ 9:15
- 11/9-11- Book Fair

President Elect Report: Daniela Burnham

- Teacher appreciation committee- providing lunch one- probably that Thursday. Aaron providing dinner. Friday will possibly do snack
- Community Service- Thanksgiving food drive 11/7-15. Student Council packs on 15th. Allison to include in next HH. Also collecting adult socks and winter gloves
- Halloween Candy Collection happening again 11/1-3- remind parents to sort
- Environmental awareness- wants in-school training- brining in someone to educate school. Joey Feinstein around \$2K
 - Composting and compacting in cafeteria- looking at entire District
 - Wants to make all events as green as possible so if running an event please reach out to Megan Butler

Secretary: Tracey Fitzgerald

- No update.

Treasurer: Danielle Slattery {ast. Natalie Kapnick}

- Birthday books- \$2,000
- IGNITE- \$29,000
- Membership- \$5,500
- Hoedown- \$4,600
- Parent Social- 121 tickets- still waiting on official numbers
- Teachers Gift- \$9,200
- Hoops 4 Health- \$9,000- but almost all goes back to them
- Chorus- 44 kids- \$2,600- most goes back to Mrs. Lambros costs
- Amazon Smile- \$120 for last 3 months
- PayPal fees- \$1,800 YTD (\$600 for the month)- Zelle is used at Romona, no fees- Venmo owned by PayPal- looking into making the official switch for next year

VP Room Parents: Laura Geiger {ast. Erin Lawler}

- No update

VP Enrichment: Sheetal Shah {ast. Allison Soderstrom}

- Every class has something planned- waiting on 3rd grade for field trip date. All posted on website
- Cynthia Lorde 11/4- all school- may need volunteers
- Griffins Tale coming back- spring performance- idea sheets needed back end of November

VP iGNITE + Fundraising: Marni Sheehan {ast. Jesse Schirmang}

- IGNITE- \$29,000 **actionable**- Aaron sending email- big push in December for tax benefits
- Pushing to get more party sign-ups- \$1,500 for paddle party- more coming in spring
- Taffy Apples- \$990
- Movie night- 4th grade- sold 62 tickets- \$1,240- doesn't take into account costs

- Stickers in- very small- enough for a couple years but probably won't re-do. Passing out to teachers to use
- Spirit wear- almost \$900 – sold \$175 of old merchandise at the Hoedown
- Short of goals but in good shape

VP Communications: Allison Achter

- Will add IGNITE, Food Drive, Movie Night
- Should look into switching date sent HH to Mondays
- Harper Happening updates to harperhappeningspto.com

Adjournment:

- 10:32 a.m.