



Harper PTO Executive Board Meeting Notes

- **Wednesday, February 15, 2023 9:15 a.m.**
LOCATION: Harper Elementary

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

Old Business

- Call to order- 9:19 a.m.
- Approval of Minutes – January 2023 [Tracey, 2nd- Sheetal]

Principal's Report - Aaron Dubnow

- Valentine parties all went smoothly- thank you for participation
 - Some feedback from teachers- some parents have been using parties as conference time- need to pass along message if they volunteer its not for that purpose
- Car line operating much better
- Presidents day/institute day- preparing for curriculum sessions- district wide
ACTIONABLE: please share what institute day is in Harper Happenings
- Field trips coming up which everyone is excited about
- This Friday 2 new staff members highlighted- library assistant and custodian
- Kindergarten registration is slow- less sense of urgency without AM/PM lottery
- Class sizes are determined by board of district

President Report: Kari Darmstadter

- Parent social successful- haven't received numbers yet
- Community building- wants to add a committee to the slate
 - March- "I feel lucky"
 - April 14- National Dolphin Day (possible spirit day) ACTIONABLE: include spirit wear link in HH for this announcement
- 4th grade talent show- run by E. Russell- need to approve compensation through PTO
 - APPROVED- add \$350 to budget to support this
 - ACTIONABLE- list in the Harper Happenings to promote this
- Slate update-Most roles on Exec have been filled. Kari to email individuals who need to help fill spots.
- Upcoming:
 - 3/14 or 3/16 next exec meeting

President Elect Report: Daniela Burnham [given by Kari]

- Working closely with teachers appreciation committee

Secretary: Tracey Fitzgerald

Treasurer: Danielle Slattery {ast. Natalie Kapnick}

- \$31K- iGNITE- probably closing that number out for the year
- Starting next years budget next week

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

VP Enrichment: Sheetal Shah {ast. Allison Soderstrom}

- Historical perspective video- MLK
- Marriott Linconshire for play- 3rd grade
- School wide- week around disability- Misricordia presentation
- Space center- 1st grade

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

- iGNITE-
- Fundraisers we didn't budget for- \$1900 short- down \$5K from iGNITE
 - 3 more sign up parties happening
 - 1st grade movie night
 - Another cookie sale
 - Maybe flower sales- pizza kits
 - ACTIONABLE- add direct link to pay for iGNITE

VP Communications: Allison Achter

- Harper Happening updates to harperhappeningspto.com

Adjournment:

- 10:11 a.m.