

## **Horizon PTO Meeting Minutes**

### **Tuesday, January 9, 2017**

**In Attendance:** Brooke Hakert, Christie Steinbock, Meggan Boyle, Claire Mattan, Emily Crain, Nancy Gragg, Lindsay Cornwell, Jill Boom, Becca Johnson, Reagan Taylor

**Meeting Start:** 7:03 PM

**Meeting Adjourned:** 8:13 PM

**Guest Speaker:** Shanda Carstens, Johnston Legislative Action Committee Co-Chair

- Committee formed under the Johnston School Board made up of Parents, Community Members and School Board Members.
- They choose 1-2 of the School Board's Legislative Priorities, to raise awareness and to activate parent and community involvement at the State Legislative Level.
- 2018 Priorities
  - SAVE (State Penny)
  - Improving flexibility between funds
- Ways to Stay Connected
  - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/johnstonlac/>
  - Twitter: <https://twitter.com/LACJohnston>
  - Email: [JohnstonLAC@gmail.com](mailto:JohnstonLAC@gmail.com)
  - Website: [www.johnstonlac.com](http://www.johnstonlac.com)
  - Sign up for Alerts: <https://johnstonlac.com/sign-up-for-email-alerts>

**Secretary's Report** – Meeting minutes from November were completed by Brooke Hakert; minutes were approved as submitted.

**Treasurer's Report – Christie Steinbock:**

- Register Balance - \$66,660.73
- Bank Balance - \$66,860.70
- Net Income (Year-to-date) - \$20,732.42

Financials approved as submitted.

**Principal's Report**

- Horizon students and parents were very giving during November and December
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade classes participated in the "Farmers Market" – for the first time, students created their items at school and teachers planned a project-based learning experience focusing on inter-dependence
  - Book Drive – students donated well over 1,000 books to be donated to a Des Moines Public Elementary School
- FAST testing window has opened and Iowa Assessments for students in Grades 3-5 will take place at the end of January.

## Committee Reports

- **Communications Committee, Michelle Bryngelson, [dutchb33@hotmail.com](mailto:dutchb33@hotmail.com)**
  - 2017 recap came out right after Winter Break – thank you, Michelle, it looked awesome!!
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> installment will come out in early June
- **Fundraising, Jill Boom, [wearehorizonpto@gmail.com](mailto:wearehorizonpto@gmail.com)**
  - Spirit Nights each month
    - Once per month
    - We raised \$100 at Panera in December!
    - Warrior Lanes – Sunday, January 21 12:00-2:00 PM, Waukee
    - Chuck E Cheese – Thursday, February 3, 3:30-7:30, Admission \$1
- **Purple Party** will be at the Middle School, Saturday, February 3, 3:30-7:30, Admission \$1
- **Educational Rebates, Julie Tutaj, [huskerjules@yahoo.com](mailto:huskerjules@yahoo.com)**
  - Spring Collection Dates: Jan. 29 – Feb. 9 – Winning class earns a popcorn party
  - Raised around \$800 during the fall collection
- **Book Fair Update, Patti Brinkmeyer, [pattibrinkmeyer@gmail.com](mailto:pattibrinkmeyer@gmail.com) and her committee!**
  - Spring Book Fair Dates: March 1 (Preview Day) – March 7
- **Homeroom Parents**
  - Winter Parties were adorable! Thanks to everyone who helped! Questions or feedback?
  - Iowa Assessments – last week in January for grades 3-5; teachers may be requesting snacks or gum during testing week
  - Valentine Parties – Friday, February 16
- **Book Drive, Meggan Boyle, [mkboyle79@yahoo.com](mailto:mkboyle79@yahoo.com)**
  - 4<sup>th</sup> year collection books for a school in Des Moines
  - McKinley Elementary, on the south side of Des Moines was the recipient this year
  - 1,000 books were delivered to students
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade won a popcorn and juice party, 3<sup>rd</sup> grade was a very close second
- **Teacher Wish Lists**
  - Check your child's teacher's wish list to see if you're interested in donating items to the classroom
- **Social Activities**
  - Skating Parties at Skate North – February 6, 5:00-8:00, \$3 per skater, \$3 skate rental; Free party in the spring; Horizon PTO gets 15% back from admission, concessions and games.
  - BINGO – Friday, March 2, 2018 6:30-8:00; donations and volunteers will be needed
- **Committee Needs for Spring and 2017-18 – Let Jill know if you are interested, thanks!**
  - Walkathon Fundraiser (next year)
  - President (next year)...Jill's last year at Horizon, so it'd be great if she could walk through it with you!
- **Funding Requests**
  - Gail Arnold, 1<sup>st</sup> Grade – 100 new send-home book bags; \$409.25
    - Brooke Hakert motioned to approve; Meggan Boyle seconds. Motion approved.
  - Braedi Brownell – Markerboard Activity Table (with dry erase markerboard top for Mrs. Heikes in 1<sup>st</sup> Grade; \$281.21 + Shipping = \$397.08
    - Christie Steinbock motioned to approve; Meggan Boyle seconds. Motion approved.
  - Magnetic Tiles for Mrs. Whitney, Kindergarten – STEM building; Two sets of 100, \$96, depending on set.

- Reagan Taylor motioned to approve; Emily Crain seconds. Motion approved.
- Learniture Active Learning Stools (Wobble Stools) for Kait Parsons, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, \$73.36 x 6 = \$440.16 + tax
- Learniture Active Learning Stools (Wobble Stools) for Moe, 5<sup>th</sup> Grade, \$73.36 x 6 = \$440.16 + tax
  - \$933.12 Total – Brooke Hakert motioned to approve; Claire Mattan seconds. Motion approved
- One School, One Book, Lindsay Cornwell – unknown amount for a copy of Charlotte’s Web for each family; \$1500-\$1800
  - \$2,000 Nancy Gragg motioned to approve; Christie Steinbock seconds. Motion approved.

Adjournment – Next meeting, Tuesday, February 13, 7pm at Timber Ridge Elementary; All-School PTO Meeting: Dr. Lunn will be our guest speaker. Individual school meetings will take place following the large-group meeting.

*Minutes submitted by Brooke Hakert*