

Horizon PTO Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, November 14, 2017

In Attendance: Brooke Hakert, Christie Steinbock, Meggan Boyle, Billi Dale, Patti Brinkmeyer, Claire Mattan, Julie Tutaj, Emily Crain; Nancy Gragg; Lindsay Cornwell; Jill Boom

Meeting Start: 7:02 PM

Meeting Adjourned: 8:05 PM

Secretary's Report – Meeting minutes from October were completed by Brooke Hakert, minutes were approved as submitted.

Treasurer's Report – Christie Steinbock:

- Register Balance - \$63,207.97
- Bank Balance - \$63,407.97
- Net Income (Year-to-date) - \$17,701.75

Financials were approved as submitted.

Principal's Report

- The more flexible conference schedule has been working well so far!
- The school might send out a survey to see what families thought of the flexible schedule and online sign-up

Committee Reports

- **Communications Committee, Michelle Bryngelson, dutchb33@hotmail.com**
 - Jill may be contacting committee chairs to submit information regarding your committee events/needs.
 - Look for weekly PTO updates in the Horizon Newsletter
- **Fundraising, Jill Boom, wearehorizonpto@gmail.com**
 - Spirit Nights each month
 - Once per month
 - We raised over \$200 at Gusto in October!
 - Panera in Johnston on December 7, 4-8PM
 - Farway Round-Up Program, SchoolStore, AmazonSmile.com
 - Third Graders created a special art project that will be displayed in the Johnston Fareway
 - SchoolStore – works much like AmazonSmile – shop at popular stores online (400 merchants), buy/donate gift cards, or buy magazines through SchoolStore; gift cards can be donated to your child's teacher through your child's profile; Horizon Elementary gets a percentage of gift card sales; your child(ren) receive credits for fun prizes when purchases are made.
 - Price Chopper Santa Event: December 9, 9:30am – 2pm.
 - Volunteers will be needed – SignUp coming soon!
 - Update on Johnston Strong shirts
 - Each school raised \$625 from the sales of the shirts!
- **Educational Rebates, Julie Tutaj, huskerjules@yahoo.com**
 - Raised \$844.50 this year (\$1,056.30 last year)
 - Winning class for pizza party was Mrs. Busby, pizza party next week!
 - Spring Collection Dates: January 29-February 9

- **Book Fair, Patti Brinkmeyer, pattibrinkmeyer@gmail.com and her committee!**
 - All for Books, Coin Drive – Raised just over \$1,500!!
 - Money goes to teachers to purchase books for their classroom.
 - PTO will match half of the donation money in the form of books to McKinley Elementary
- **Calendar Committee**
 - Looking at combining conference week (Elementary and Secondary Schools), like it is in the spring
 - Tuesday/Wednesday would be Secondary (for example); Wednesday/Thursday would be Elementary; Wednesday would be 3 hour early out
 - Early Outs
 - Instead of weekly early outs, one day per month would be a no school day
 - Comp Day
 - Discussion to change Comp day for Spring Conferences from the Friday before spring break, to the Friday of Drake Relays
- **Conference Meal**
 - Will take place on Thursday, November 16th – THANK YOU to everyone who donated!
 - Pulled Pork was ordered from food service with donations from Horizon families
- **Book Drive, Meggan Boyle, mkboyle79@yahoo.com**
 - November 7 – December 1
 - 4th year collection books for a school in Des Moines
 - Gently used books
 - Change drive week before the book fair – the money that is collected is matched by Scholastic, books are purchased with Scholastic Dollars to provide some new books as well.
 - McKinley Elementary, on the south side of Des Moines will be the recipient this year – December 6th
- **All School Picture – Sandra Mrachina**
 - Posters will be handed out this week
 - Around 60 posters were purchased
 - There is a limited number for purchase as well
- **Teacher Wish Lists**
 - Check your child's teacher's wish list over the holidays if you're interested in donating items to the classroom
- **Social Activities**
 - Sock Hop, Meggan Boyle – Friday, October 20, 6:30-8:00pm
 - Sock Hop was a huge success!
 - 362 raffle tickets were given out to the kids who attended
 - Part of the cotton candy money raised will be used to purchase the nurse underwear, leggings and sweat pants
 - Skating Parties at Skate North 5:00-8:00, December 5, February 6, 5-8pm, \$3 admission, \$3 skate rental; Horizon PTO gets 15% back from admission, concessions and games.
 - BINGO – March 2, 2018 6:30-8:00
- **Homeroom Parent Updates**
 - Using Dropbox for classroom photos
 - Remember to check out teacherlists.com
 - Check in with teachers to see if they have any current needs
- **Committee Needs for Spring and 2017-18 – Let Jill know if you are interested, thanks!**
 - Cultural Arts (Fine Arts Night)
 - Hospitality (conference meals and appreciation week)

- 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, 1st Grade – Storage Shelves for newly purchased literacy materials
 - Patti Brinkmeyer motioned to approve; Julie Tutaj seconds. Motion approved.

Adjournment – Next meeting, SOCIAL! Tuesday, December 12th, at 6:30pm at Beerhouse – Book the sitter now!!

Minutes submitted by Brooke Hakert