

Hanson PTO Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14, 2017

7:00 PM

Indian Head Library



+ Approval of May 2017 Meeting Minutes

- Gretchen G. motion to approve
- Karen P. seconded

+ Treasurer's Report: Balance Update and Outstanding Obligations

- See sheet
- \$6,274.34 after Fun Run check (tshirts) and a few outstanding checks

+ Principal Updates - Dr Wilcox - Maquan & Indian Head

- Both schools are off to a great start, and are continuing to work on establishing routines in the classroom.
- Know atom - This hands on Science program has been brought to Kindergarten and 1st grade this year, and will be continuing in grades 2-5.
- Envisions Math - The program continues to be used and staff is working on building in engaging hands on activities for students. Teachers are finding that the video component is not always engaging for students today.
- ELA - Teacher are continuing to implement units that were developed by DESE. Last year they were used at Maquan, and this year they are also being used at Indian Head. Through these units students are being introduced to strong literature. In kindergarten students are enjoying a unit revolving around the author Mo Willems.
- Picture day @ Indian Head 9/25 & Maquan 10/17.
- Fun Run - Teachers are aware of fundraiser and Dr. Wilcox is working with technology to have what we need for the fundraiser.
- CORI forms - Any volunteer can come into building between 8:30 and 3:30 to fill out a form.
- Parent Volunteer Orientation - 9/27 at 10 am - Information will be given about confidentiality, etc. Orientation will be geared towards volunteers that will be working in classrooms and witnessing student learning.
- Thank you to the PTO for lunch on opening day.

+ Fundraisers

- Recycle Box @ Indian Head
 - The fundraiser also accepts stuffed animals! Money is earned based on weight. The box is emptied every Tuesday by the company. Checks are issued to us at the end of each month.
 - July - \$77.25
 - August - \$30.50
 - September - currently at \$34

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- Bob Bethoney – Karate Special
 - September Special
 - There has been an overwhelming response to this fundraiser. We will have info in the next next week or so as to what this fundraiser will bring in for us. It is 100% profit for PTO.

- Fun Run (M Keegan) Theme: Castle quest – Learn to be a true hero
 - October 10-19 – Run will be on the 19th (Rep from company is Jasmine)
 - Begins on October 10 with pep rally
 - Sponsors for Kids T-shirts - We surpassed the \$2000 needed to pay for the t-shirts with donations from local businesses.
 - Signup genius will be posted for volunteers to help kids with run on the 19th
 - 8 volunteers needed per run
 - 3 runs in total
 - K, AM K & 1st – 9:30-10:30
 - 4th & 5th – 10:45-11:45
 - 2nd, 3rd & PM K – 1:30-2:30
 - Location: Maquan field
 - Kids run an average of 30-35 laps
 - There will be character building lessons delivered in classrooms over the 6 days.
 - Donations (online) can be flat rate or per lap. All kids get to run regardless. Prizes given each day to students, which is completely run by company. No responsibility on PTO members.
 - Question: Can parents watch if not volunteering? Beth Wilcox will look into
 - Rain plan: Will be done in gym with a different schedule (possibly glow run)

- Box Top Sheets (K Pelton)
 - Mid-September thru Mid-October
 - Room coordinators* will also be box top coordinators
 - Info sheet will be coming home to parents soon
 - Contests throughout year – ex. January – between schools
 - Paid twice a day – last year around \$5,000
 - Box tops mailed in bags of 50 or on sheets
 - Expiration date needs to be able to be seen
 - Don't staple box tops together!
 - Box at shaws where they can be dropped off

Missing Room Coordinators: Mrs. Kain, Mrs. Galeswki, Mrs. Graham, Mrs. Ziniti, Mrs. Gardner, Mrs. Bosse, Mrs. Desantes, Mrs. O'Brien, Mrs. Mcgann, Mrs. Ferro

- Discussion of Golf Tournament @ Pembroke Country Club
 - Jun 8 – morning shotgun: penciled in – need \$1000 deposit in December

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- Silent Auction to take place during meal
- Sign ups for golfers, sponsors and raffles for event to start in January
 - Prize already donated from SSVT – Adirondack chairs
 - \$130 per golfer / \$25 profit per golfer
 - ? cost for dinner only

Other Possible Fundraisers for the year: Dependent upon success of Fun Run

Kidstuff books – October/November

Santa's workshop

Sweetheart dance – looking to break even

Meadowfarms – possibly in spring depending on how other fundraisers go

January – some sort of parent night; paint / bowling; possible baby-sitter offering

The Shopping Boss – discount card for shopping

Amazon Smile – Angela working on letter for parents

✚ Events/Other Business

- Feedback from:
 - Kindergarten Potluck – before school started. Based on feedback from last year. Kids were excited to see inside the school, and colored shirts were great for kids to meet other kids. Helped to calm parents and know that they were going to be ok. Meet with other parents. Some names missing from shirts due to last minute registrations. Online registration moving forward – hopefully that will help. Next year shirts will be ordered after the school year starts. Shirts available in October. Suggestion to change to 5-7
 - Open House BBQ – possibly extending BBQ after end of open house. Difficult getting volunteers. Thirty minute increments. Look outside the box for volunteers for open house night. Recruit town members to help
- Monster Mash
 - October 27 from 7-8:30
 - Offered to K-5
 - Maquan Gym – occupancy restrictions – determine how many students
 - Refreshments in café – will increase occupancy
 - Library – decorations – again to increase occupancy
 - ? Ticket sales/rsvp beforehand
 - DJ – looking for donation: does wifi work in gym?
 - Josh Belvis – DJ equipment
 - Craft Night – October 25 from 5-7 – looking for ideas for a craft
 - Volunteers – At door and to serve food in café
- Clothing Sale
 - November w/ Paw Print
 - Looking at new online company – out of New Jersey

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- Ordering can be done online or through order form
- Tshirts \$7 – upcharge for fundraiser

- Classroom lists
 - Missing some classroom lists
 - Compiling lists and plan to have email out to room parents by end of month.
 - Rooms that have more than one parent interested will be pulled from a hat
 - Idea: Ask teachers to fill out questionnaire to add in ideas for gifts, etc

+ Voting

- None at this time

+ Open Discussion

- Need for list of committee / chairs for various things
- Agenda to come out in advance
- Subcommittee meetings for specific events
- List where help is needed
- Months where we need something
- High school students – willing to volunteer contact: Bob Rogers
- Concern: Special Activities for Current 4th Grade Class (first to transition to HMS early)
 - Parent night TBD
 - Beth Wilcox will take to Grade 4/5 to see about what will be done during this transition year

+ Next Meeting:

Thursday, October 12th @ 7 pm – Indian Head Library