



Hales Corners Elementary PTO Minutes November 14, 2023

- **Call to Order (6:30 pm) & Introductions -**
 - **Attendance of parents/ community members - Lauren Michaud, Rhonda Perry, Hannah Kennedy, Lori Kommas, Barb Pergande, Sue Johnson, Cassie Rainer, Katrina Madden, Jenny Graham, Chelsea Mittermann, Jen Sitzberger, Anne Fueger, Alicia Shaw**
- **Principal Report: Lori Kommas**
 - Girls on the Run was Sunday, 11/12. It is more than just a run; the girls learn lessons during each practice. HCE's program, coached by Jackie Tao, Sarah Anderson, Mrs. Kuntz & Eileen Wood, piloted a new curriculum.
 - HCE & Edgerton has the most participation out of the SE Wisconsin chapter of Girls on the Run.
 - Question was raised about Heart & Soul which is the Middle School version of Girls on the run. Some parents have reached out to Chris D'Aquisto about starting one at Whitnall Middle School for next school year.
 - Next week students have off all week but staff will be in training Monday & Tuesday
 - Literacy Night is coming up on 11/29. There will be a math night in the spring. Kids are welcome (4+) as it is a student showcase. The new curriculum that is being used this school year is called Wonders (K4 is World of Wonders). They are currently working with the National Honor Society at WHS to get volunteers for child care during the event for those under 4.
 - Concerts for 2nd (12/6) and 3rd (12/7) grade are coming up in the next couple of weeks.
 - A question was raised about learning more about how the lunch periods work for students. Each grade has a total of 40 minutes (20 for the cafeteria and 20 for recess). One grade is coming into the lunch room at a time to try and speed up hot lunch service.
 - After school programming is coming so keep an eye out for flyers that will be sent home. The first program will be with Mad Science starting in January. After that 6 week session, Chess Scholars will be providing a program.
 - Health Room Aide - We currently have a nurse from 11:30 am - 3:00 pm each day. We are looking for an AM person but in the meantime Mrs. Kommas and Mr. Green are certified to handle medications and provide to the students as needed.
- **School Board Report: Cassie Rainer**
 - New Referendum being considered. Board approved to hire an architect to prepare a proposal. They were the most cost effective company and provided 2018 pricing.
 - The district survey results were reviewed. There was a 60% approval rate supporting a new pool at the high school. A pre planning survey will be coming in the spring.
 - Student engagement results were reviewed. 6th graders reported they felt welcome as they started in the middle school this year.
 - In October, they reviewed student achievement in the district. We are seeing an increase in Reading and Math proficiency.
- **President's Report: Lauren Michaud & Rhonda Perry**
 - In the spring, there will be elections for new board positions; Vice President & Secretary. Nominations will take place at the March meeting with elections taking place at the May meeting.



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- There is a front row seat raffle currently taking place for the 2nd and 3rd grade concerts. A form went home this week with those students. Raffle closes on 12/1.
- **Treasurer's Report:** Anne Fueger
 - Review of the Treasurer report
 - We had an expense for the artists in residence. Ken Lonquist met with every classroom twice during his week at the school. He would collect ideas from the group and then merged the ideas into a song. He played the songs at a school wide assembly. This was his third time visiting HCE.
- **Coordinator Reports:** Recent/Upcoming Events
 - **Movie Night:** Updates (Barb)
 - Unfortunately, the movie night had to be moved inside because of mechanical issues with the fan on the blow up screen.
 - Overall, families enjoyed the evening but hopefully we can make it back outside next year.
 - **Student Directory:** Update (Barb)
 - The directory was sent out.
 - Unsure if we keep the directory going as only 30% of the student body was in the directory. A parent did speak up that she used it the other day to find a student when there was a mix up with a lunch box.
 - **Book Fair :** (Cassie)
 - Sold \$6,336 in retail which brought in a profit for the PTO of just over \$1,500.
 - Thank you to the volunteers that help set-up, run and tear down.
 - Once the school calendar is out for next year we will secure dates with scholastic. We will look at doing the book fair in conjunction with conferences again.
 - **Kwik Trip gift card fundraiser:** (Hannah)
 - Forms went out to students last week. They are due on Friday, 11/17.
 - So far we only have one completed form.
- **Open Coordinator Roles:**
 - DARE Tailgate - We are waiting for a final date for the graduation but once we have a coordinator identified they will work with the Presidents and Mrs. Komars to see how the PTO can support the graduation.
- **Ongoing Fundraisers:**
 - **Scripts:** The code is # A265B7ED766L6
 - App is RaiseRight and enter the school code
 - **Box Tops:** Don't forget to scan your receipts to the app after grocery shopping
 - Check 4 times a year
- **New Business:**
 - Art to Remember Fundraiser - The packet will come in around Christmas time for the art department to review. The students need to start working on their pieces in January and the fundraiser will run in April.



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- 2 \$10 Gift Card Drawing
 - Target through Scrips - Jen Sitzberger and Katrina Madden
- **Motion to Adjourn - 7:37 pm**
 - **Lauren, Rhonda Second**

PTO Meetings (2023-2024 School Year):

September 19th

November 14th

January 16th

March 19th

May 21st