

Huntington School Parent-Teacher Organization

Zoom Meeting Summary

May 28, 2020

Board members in attendance: Ann Yarka, President; Maureen McCarthy, Vice President; Meghan Vitale, Treasurer; Ramie Miller, Secretary

Administrators: Joanne Harlow, Principal

Office of Family Engagement: - Melissa Hidek

Others: 3 parents, 5 staff members

I. Welcome

Ann welcomed all to the meeting.

II. Treasurer's report

Meghan has been in communication with the teachers to let them know what class balances are, and discuss how they plan to spend funds prior to the end of the school year. Megan led discussion of what each grade is choosing to do with their funds. Details are in a financial summary sent to the administration and board members prior to the meeting.

The 3rd and 4th Grades are requesting additional money from the general fund to cover the cost of class T-Shirts, in the amounts of \$148 and \$369, respectively. A motion was made to approve this request for funds. Motion seconded and approved unanimously.

There are still some details of 6th grade Darien Lake deposits that need to be resolved. Megan and Mr. Curinga will discuss and resolve after the meeting.

III. Old Business

Gertrude Hawk – Discussed boxes from the spring candy sale that are still remaining at the school. Meghan speculated that these are items sold directly to teachers. Mrs. Harlow will send the list of student's names from the remaining boxes to Meghan, who will pull the order form copies, so that Mrs. Harlow can reach out to the teachers that made orders.

IV. New Business

Fund Requests

- 3rd and 4th Grade Requests – addressed above.
- \$300 Fund Request for Teach Appreciation snacks, to be used in the fall. Motion made to approve, and seconded. Motion passed unanimously.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser – Discussed the timing of fundraiser for the fall. Agreed to pursue the holiday catalog / timeframe instead of the fall catalog.

Hershey Ice Cream Fundraiser – Agreed that this is not something we will pursue.

T-Shirt Distribution – the 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade teams plan to hand out T-Shirts from school, coordinating for each grade on a different day.

Executive Board Elections – No additional nominations were received other than existing officers. The proposed board for next year is: President – Ann Yarka, Vice President – Maureen McCarthy, Treasurer – Ramie Miller, Secretary – Meghan Vitale. Motion was made to vote to approve the board for next year. Motion was seconded, and passed unanimously. The board will take on their new roles (Meghan and Ramie swapping) beginning July 1st.

V. **Administrative Report** – Presented by Mrs. Harlow

- Building Construction continues. Additional work is being done in classrooms, the parking lot, front doors, and repainting throughout.
- Computer Loans are now taking place for 7th and 6th graders who may be lacking them.
- WCNY Video lessons & printed packets did not have a smooth roll-out but has been getting better.
- Food Service of bagged lunches on M,W,F from 10:00-12:00 continues, and will continue through the summer.
- Online Summer School will be taking place. It is important that credit-bearing classes for 8th graders (Algebra & Living Environment) be completed by the end of the summer for students to receive proper credit.
- Middle School Grades for 4th quarter will use the Passing with Distinction (PD), Passing (P), or Incomplete (I) system.
- Staff have been reporting weekly regarding contact made with students, with increasing success. Nearly all students are now being contacted each week.

VI. **Discussion**

- Ann Asked when personal items can be picked up by students. Each team of teachers, by grade, is assigned a week to clean out lockers and desks. Students will then be given a time to come in and pick up any personal items.
- Ramie asked about the likelihood that Algebra and/or Living Environment will not be offered for next year's 8th graders. At the moment there are too many unknowns to make a prediction. It is dependent upon the number of students that are prepared for the rigor of the material. If students return for in-person instruction, it is not logistically possible to have a full classroom dedicated to a small number of students. Ramie asked about the possibility of combining resources with other middle schools to create a larger cohort. It was agreed that under remote learning conditions, this would be a good possibility.
- Melissa highlighted the opportunity of COVIDEO chats hosted by the office of family engagement. They take place on Tuesdays at 6:30 and Thursdays at Noon. The next COVIDEO topic will be the District Improvement Plan.