

## **Huntington School Parent-Teacher Organization**

Meeting Summary

January 13, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

*Meeting held on Zoom*

### **Attendees**

Board members: Ann Yarka, President; Jennifer Schultz, Vice President; Ramie Miller, Treasurer; Meghan Vitale, Secretary

Administrators: Alison Dupree, Principal; Dr. Jerome Watts, Vice Principal

Office of Family Engagement: Holly Keating

Others: 1 parent

### **I. Welcome**

Ann welcomed everyone and introduced the Board members. Ms. Dupree and Dr. Watts introduced themselves.

### **II. Approval of previous minutes**

November 2021 minutes were available on the PTO website. Ramie motioned to approve, Ann seconded. No objections.

### **III. Board member reports**

Ramie reviewed November and December financial reports. November report reflects revenue from wreath and poinsettia sales, as well as the apparel sale. December report reflects final payment to Hafner's (wreaths/poinsettias) and Papa's Sports (apparel), and some expenses for staff party and bulletin boards from the apparel account. Also, income from popcorn sales and expenses for supplies for NJHS. Ramie has arranged to pick up deposits from Mr. Curinga monthly. There was also a deposit of the profit from the photo sales from BJK. Since PTO isn't directly involved in picture day, that check was credited to the Admin account. Meghan noted that profit from BJK is part of the contract. Profit on wreath/poinsettia sale was \$386.74. Not as much as mums sale, but a low amount of effort for that return. November total account ending balance was \$25,893.34; December total account ending balance was \$25,543.00.

Meghan reported that she submitted another application for TNT Special Projects funding to expand and enhance the Sunnycrest/Forest Hill mural and curb extensions. Request includes additional paint to touch-up the mural and to extend the yellow painted area along both sides of Sunnycrest Road, additional cones and traffic delineator posts, and more durable planters that can be reused year to year. Meghan coordinated with DPW Director of Special Projects, and he submitted an email to TNT director in support of the expanded project. Applications need to be reviewed and voted on by Eastwood TNT

before funding is assured. If approved, Meghan will work with DPW to obtain necessary permits to do work in the roadway again. Will need volunteers to help paint in spring or summer.

#### **IV. Old business**

There was no old (tabled) business.

#### **V. New business**

There was no new business.

#### **VI. Discussion**

Discussed plans for the Gertrude Hawk sale. Meghan has been in communication with our Gertrude Hawk representative (Corey). Ann emphasized that we need a volunteer to assist with this, and we need more people involved in general – especially those with younger kids who have more years at the school – in order to carry-out the activities that PTO was able to do pre-COVID. Dr. Watts suggested that Holly might be able to connect some additional parents with the PTO.

For the GH sale, we have asked for brochures to be delivered to school by February 1. Meghan will try to get a more firm date from Corey. We need to figure out how to distribute these to teachers. They do not fit in mailboxes. Jen offered to help during the day on a Monday, Meghan can also help for a short time during the day, and Holly offered to assist as well. Ms. Dupree asked that PTO write up a description of the sale, emphasizing that the profit will go to class accounts (and include current account balances). She could share that at a staff meeting. Meghan will put that together.

Orders will be due March 1, so that we can get delivery the week of March 28 with plenty of “wiggle room” before the April break starts.

#### **VII. Office of Family Engagement report**

Holly provided an update from the Office of Family Engagement. The Title I plan was submitted December 20; waiting for approval. She talked about the possibility of holding a future meeting at SkyZone, once COVID numbers have lessened. Another school had success with a SkyZone meeting. Ann mentioned that transportation might be an issue. Holly said they might be able to provide bus vouchers. Ms. Dupree noted that Title I funds might be able to be used for transportation. Holly asked if the meeting would need to include an educational component to use Title I funds, but this could probably be done with some items on the agenda.

#### **VIII. Administrative report**

Ms. Dupree reported that the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades recently participated in a simulation of the Computer Based Testing (CBT) for State assessments. This was a statewide exercise to make sure everyone is prepared for CBT in the spring. It went well. Those grades can now share what they experienced with other grade levels, so all teachers can start to prepare students.

Ms. Dupree also noted that NWEA testing was to occur every quarter in the district for grades 2 through 8, but the Superintendent decided not to do it this quarter because of the high number of students that have been out of school. They might do another round of this towards the end of the school year. NWEA has replaced the STAR assessments.

Second marking period is ending. Final grades are due by January 20, then report cards will be mailed (middle school) or sent home with students (elementary).

The State is no longer requiring local health departments to do contact tracing for schools, although SCSD is still planning to do their own contact tracing.

Planning for spring concerts is in the works. Ms. Kirch is working with Mr. Sokolowski and the other music department staff. Meghan offered that PTO would be happy to assist in any way to make concerts more of a "community event."

Dr. Watts mentioned the possibility of using SU basketball tickets as an incentive for attending a PTO meeting. The district has typically received an allotment of tickets each year to distribute to students and parents, although they haven't heard anything about it yet this year. He'll keep PTO Board posted, and we'll consider for a future meeting.

Ann motioned to adjourn, Ramie seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.