

Huntington PTO Meeting

May 11, 2023, 6:30PM

Attendees

Board Members- Ann Yarka, President; Ramie Miller, Treasurer; Nick Heffron, Vice President; Dorothy Dermott, Secretary

Administrators-Ms. Dupree

Teachers- Ms. Stroman, Ms. Archie,

Family Engagement Officer-Selena Lazarus

Parents- No parents present.

Approval previous minutes

Ramie motions to approve, Ms. Stroman seconded, all in favor

Board Member Report

Financial report, Ramie:

From the general acct- BINGO night snacks and spirit week prizes checks have been cashed. 5th grade had the delta sonic funds added. The check for the 5th grade trip buses has been cashed.

Family Engagement

Selina Lazarus: PTO Bootcamp has been shared with the PTO Board members. Date for the bootcamp is May 22 at ITC (in-person). A talking points message should be sent out, the bootcamp is open to all parents. There is a CoVideo next week for summer school (Tuesday, May 16th) SPC is also next Tuesday at 6:30 (We still do not have an ambassador). Continuing to interview for program aide.

Old Business

None

New Business

Board Elections:

No nominations were submitted for the open positions of Vice President and Co-Secretary. Ramie Miller is vacating the Treasurer position, and Nick Heffron is voted in to the Treasurer role with a unanimous vote from all PTO members present. We will be entering the 2023 school year with the following PTO Board Members: Ann Yarka, President, Nick Heffron, Treasurer; Dorothy Dermott, Secretary. The Vice President role will remain vacant until such

time as we are able to fill the position.

Ms. Stroman is requesting \$300 to supplement the Seabreeze field trip. PTO Voting to agree to reserve \$300 for Seabreeze. All voted in favor.

End of year field trips had a planning deadline at the end of April. Very few fund requests have been put through for the end of the year. Any funds over \$100 in the class level funds will roll over into the general fund.

Admin Report:

Ms. Dupree: We just finished 2 weeks of NYS assessment testing. Math and ELA. We needed 95% of the school population to test to be validated. We just made the cutoff with the number of students who took the test.

Future Events:

Ms. Archie: Math night with the Syracuse Police dept. May 25th 5:30-7. Dinner (BBQ). Planning to have a "color code" system to cycle the eating/activities. Tables will be set up in the back parking lot. Cotton candy, popcorn machines, games. Deadline for RSVP is Friday, May 19th. A flyer has been sent home with all students with an RSVP slip attached to the bottom. Please RSVP to the Huntington Main Office if you are planning to attend.

Ice Cream Truck- We need to check to see if we are in time to reserve a date. What was the per student cost? Discussing if we have enough in the general fund to pay for that? We have 887 students at Huntington. Last year we paid \$1/kid. Could we have the ice cream truck come and have kids bring money to buy the ice cream?

There have been no nominations for PTO members, so for next year we will continue to have Ann as the President, Nick as Treasurer, and Dorothy as Secretary. We need to figure out ways to improve engagement from parents and get more members involved. Can we make videos or slideshows? They should be shown at the Open House early in the school year. Kindergarten orientation is another good place to share. There may be stigma associated with the PTO from boards of previous year- we need to find a way to emphasize that the PTO is inviting and casual. Have a list of fundraisers for the year.

Ms. Dupree requests: for next year- make Gertrude Hawk cash-free (online-only). There were too many instances of money getting collected by kids and the order forms not being turned in (six this year). There would be a risk associated- a lot of money comes from paper order forms. We would raise a lot less money. Is there a way to account for that?

June 9th- Alex's Lemonade Stand fundraiser. Lemonade, cupcakes, and cookies sold to kids at lunch time.

Bake sale for election day.

Before school starts- garage sale

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 PM