

Huntington PTO Meeting

November 9th, 2023

Attendees

Board Members- Ann Yarka, President; Nick Heffron, Treasurer; (Vacant), Vice President; Dorothy Dermott, Secretary

Administrators- Dan Killenbec, Principal;

Teachers-

Family Engagement Officer-

Parents- Erik (Superintendent council representative)

Approval previous minutes

Nick motioned to approve, Dorothy seconded, all voted in favor.

Board Member Report

Nick Heffron: October activity: \$249 in from popcorn sales from Jr Honor Society. Transferred ENL funds to general PTO account. **19,215.75** Since then: Taxes have been done.

Dorothy Dermott: Reach from Halloween posts to Facebook. Over 2000 people reached (typical reach of 250 people). Next year: DJ and (possibly!) fireworks. Next year would be great to get more family/neighborhood participation. We wanted to have an inclusive environment for all kids, especially those who don't celebrate Halloween. Alternate activities were done which about 15% of students attended. Policies weren't completely clear (masks/no masks, what to do in case of rain). Committee was formed and there was representation from each grade level and there was a lot of support from staff. Next year would be great to get some community support from Syracuse police etc. This will segue into a holiday celebration where we celebrate all holidays (winter).

Family Engagement

No representative from the Family Engagement office attended the meeting.

Old Business

Still continuing to look into the Poinsetta/Wreath Sale

New Business

Now doing the school apparel sale. There's a new logo now which is on the apparel. Ms. Archie came up with the new logo.

TNT meeting is this coming Monday November 13th at Henninger Auditorium at 7PM. We will need to apply for the funding to update the Panther Paw in front of the school. Special projects funding applications are due at the end of December.

Admin Report

Referral rates have reduced 60% from last year, out of school suspension 55%, in school suspension rates are down 31%. Attendance is over 90%.

Future Events

BINGO Event- February 9th, put on by the 5th grade (Ms. Stroman is organizing).

Five Below Fundraiser 12/3/23-12/9/23. Flyers will be sent to Dan and he will distribute them after coming back from Thanksgiving.

Poinsettia and Wreath Fundraiser- Nick will be checking on previous year's funds raised from this fundraiser.

Gertrude Hawk starting in February.

Possibly do a candy bar sale- Ann will look into this with her Gertrude Hawk Rep.

Family Resource night will be December 7th from 5:30 to 7:30. Spaghetti dinner will be served, an ELA Make and take, and there will be family resource stations with the Fire and Police departments.

Meeting Adjourned

Adjourned at 7:04 PM