Holland Township PTO Minutes of Monthly Meeting April 27, 2022

Location: HTS Auditorium

CALL TO ORDER: Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Minutes Review: Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President

• Motion made to approve the March 16, 2022 Meeting Minutes. The motion was seconded and approved, all in favor.

President's Report: Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President

- Best Spirit Wear fundraiser ever \$500+ raised for the PTO!
- Correspondence: Mrs. Dlugose re: Spirit Wear Contest Winners; thank you to the PTO for the ice cream party!
- Friend Finder: Sign up is now live! Will be added to the Website shortly.
- Nominating Committee: Opened in March. We are starting to get interest in open Chairs anyone interested can reach out to the PTO.

Treasurer's Report: Given by Tomasina McGuire, PTO Treasurer

None

Vice President's Report: Given by Amy Gercie, PTO Vice President

- PTO Committee Updates: The following committees have no updates for this month: Hospitality, Help from Home, Ad Hoc Pavilion Committee
 - Assemblies: Given by Misty Lapham, Chair
 - Discussion Topics: Swift Farms is having an outdoor petting zoo assembly for all grades. Dates planned for is June 1 for kindergarten through fourth grade and June 2 for fifth through eighth grade. Rain date is scheduled for June 3rd (If rain date needed, 8th Graders would be able to attend ahead of leaving on class trip)
 - o Total charge of \$1,000 (\$500/day).
 - o Calendar: June 1 and 2nd with a rain date of June 3.

• Book Fair: Reported by Melody Conn, Chair; Given by Amy Gercie

- General Reporting Topics: Spring book fair is May 13 through the 20th. A signup genius will be going out soon for volunteering during the book fair. We could use extra hands for set up on Thursday, May 12 after school and Friday, May 20 for family night.
- Discussion Topic: Chair position for next year is open, reach out to the PTO if interested.
- Voting Topics: Adding co-chair to committee, Jamie Rusnak

- Motion made to add Jamie as Bookfair co-chair. Motion seconded and approved, all in favor.
- Calendar: Book fair set up Thursday, May 12 after school in elementary library.
 Book fair 13 to the 20th elementary library. Book fair family night May 20 5 to 8 in elementary gym.

• Bulletin Board: Given by Amy Gercie

• *Discussion Topics:* Does 8th Grade Dance Committee want to change the bulletin board like previous years?

• Family Events: Given by Dana Hawley, Chair

- General Reporting Topics: Planning events Family Fitness Night with Melanie and Year End Social; dates and details to be shared by May meeting. Earth Day School Clean Up was held – thanks to all who attended!
- Calendar: April 22 (Earth Day Celebration, 3:00-4:00 pm at HTS)

• Fundraising: Reported by Deenie Totten, Chair; Given by Amy Gercie

- General Reporting Topics:
 - Cookie Decorating Kits: Sold 79 kits & raised \$406.44.
 - Parents Night Out:
 - Spirit Wear: Reusable bags red tote with Black Lettering saying "Holland Township School", \$1.85/bag can ship as soon as May 4th. Looking for a volunteer to lead the sale next month!
- Calendar: Parents night out the schedule for May 13, 2022 at 6 PM at the Pattenburg house. \$40 a person. Ticket includes food, two drinks and music.

• Staff Appreciation: Given by Laura Strangfeld, Co-Chair

- General Reporting Topics: Getting ready for Teacher Appreciation Week which will be held the week of June 6th.
- O Discussion: Still looking for volunteers to join the committee.
- *Voting Topics:* Increase the budget to \$300.
 - Motion made to increase the Staff Appreciation budget by an additional \$300. Motion seconded and approved, all in favor.
 - Motion made to move \$300 from Fundraising Award line to Staff Appreciation Line. Motion seconded and approved, all in favor.
- Calendar: Meeting scheduled prior to this PTO meeting at 6:15 PM

• Website Committee: Given by John Bartruff, Chair

- General Reporting Topics: Some content has been submitted over the past 24 hours, will work on adding to the website.
- Oiscussion Topics: For the Screenagers item, it will be the 8th grade in-house, but will be available to all grades to have on demand from home during a 2 week period. If the PTO agrees to move forward, Ms Snyder will need to approve a timeframe for the event to happen. If any additional information is needed, I encourage the membership to reach out. Total cost of \$650, to be funded by Assembly budget.
 - Motion made to approve Screenagers with a cost not to exceed \$650. Motion seconded and approved, all in favor.

• 8th Grade Dance: Reported by Sandy Bate, Chair; Given by Debbie Hirst

- General Reporting Topics: The 8th Grade Dance Committee has selected the Venue, DJ, Dance Theme, Graduation Gift, Centerpieces, and Yard Sign design. The Graduation Dance ticket and Yard Sign form is being finalized. Follow up with families who have not yet sent in their graduate photos for the video presentation is in process.
- Future Discussion Topic: Updating the HTS Bulletin Board for the 8th Grade Graduates

• Ad Hoc By-Law Committee: Reported by Sandy Bate; Given by Amy Gercie

 General Reporting Topics: The ad-hoc By-Law Committee met virtually on April 5th and is still working on revising the current PTO By-Laws and Codes of Conducts. When complete, they will be presented to the PTO for discussion and vote.

• Budget Committee: Given by Casey Bickhardt

- Meeting held to discuss budget goals and scholarships.
- Will be sending out a Budget survey to provide input on budget short-term and long-term goals.
- Minutes from Budget Meeting sent out, if anyone wants to get involved reach out to PTO Board.

Administration Communication: Given by Stephanie Snyder, Superintendent

- Thank you for Earth Day Celebration Clean Up thanks to Deenie for the idea, the students did a great job cleaning up!
- Conflict with May PTO meeting and May Board of Ed Work Session.
- NJSLA testing- May 9th- 25th: Science, ELA and Mathematics grades 3-8; parents please have kids attend school that day if at all possible to complete testing!
- Field Day- June 7th-9th will need 6-7 volunteers to help run events and with the ice truck. Field day runs from 9am-11am each day. Parents will be able to come view! Thank you to the PTO for the Kona Ice Truck again big hit last year, looking forward to this year.
- Ultimate Middle School Fun Day- Picnic lunches, music, dancing as a celebration for good behavior. Held Monday June 6th 11:00-2:30 will need 4-5 parents to help with set-up, activity supervision and serving lunch
- End of year parties- Friday June 10th 11am, no quarantining of supplies/food required
- 8th grade graduation- June 10th at DVRHS 6pm
- Calendar updates- Early dismissal June 7th-13th
- Last day June 13th
- Administration has reached out to NAACP to educate staff on Inclusion. Harrison Dillard is Hunterdon NAACP founder, has worked with North, Hunterdon Central, and High Bridge in the past. Goal is open forum of discussion for equity, inclusion, and race. Discussion: Would PTO be interested in having him come in to lead a 30 minute discussion during one of our upcoming General Meetings?

Teacher Liaison Communication: Given by Debbie Croasdale

- Calendar Reminder-Early Dismissal-May 6
- Reminder to check your child's report card through Genesis for marking period 3.
- NJSLA Testing-Science (grades 5 and 8), ELA and Math (grades 3-8) will take place in May
- Middle School Fun Day and all Field Days will happen the last full week of school.
- Elementary Class Parties-June 10 at 11 AM
- Earth Day was celebrated at school on April 22. The HTEA donated \$400 worth of books on the environment to our school libraries as part of the celebration. Primary students will also receive small herb planters as part of the event, but shipping has delayed them so they will go home late.
- June 7th @ 6:30 is Del Val Awards Ceremony

BOE Liaison Communication: None

New Business:

- Open Scholarship Committee
 - Motion made to open Scholarship Committee. Motion seconded and approved, all in favor.
 - o If you are interested in being on scholarship committee, please let us know.

Public Comments:

None

Next Meeting: May 25, 2022

Meeting adjourned at 7:27 pm.