

Holland Township PTO Meeting Minutes

December 7, 2022 @ 7:00 pm

Location: HTS Auditorium

- **Call To Order**
 - Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:04 pm.
- **Minutes:** Review and approval vote of minutes from November 16, 2022 PTO Meeting.
 - *Motion made to approve the November 16, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- **President's Report (Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President)**
 - Friend Finder: Purpose is to connect parents across the school community. Sign up is through a Google form – you can choose which information you would like to include for your family. Some of the concerns we heard were that members did not want the data being used for solicitation purposes from other organizations, so we have added a disclaimer to try to avoid this. The data will be uploaded into the directory on the school website every two weeks. When you sign up for the Friend Finder, you will get the password to access the directory and see other families' information. If you already signed up for Friend Finder and did not get a password, e-mail the PTO with "Friend Finder Password" in the subject and we will send it to you.
 - Gift Cards: The Gift Card sale fundraiser has been live. You can order through the website which you can find listed in the PTO Newsletters. This sale will now be open year round. There will be certain times when it is closed out, which triggers the actual gift cards to be shipped – but the eGift Cards will always be available and are sent directly to your phone. We will add dates to the PTO calendar for when the gift cards will be closed out.
- **Treasurer's Report (Given by Jennifer Bartruff, PTO Treasurer)**
 - November: Deposit from Amazon Smile (\$137.57) gift cards (\$191.45), some additional cheesecake deposits were received tonight
 - Total Checking: \$29,554.70
 - Total Fundraising for November: \$691
 - School Kitz Fundraiser income received: \$564.29
- **Vice President's Report/Committee Reports:**
 - Fundraising: Given by Samantha Grundstrom
 - *General Reporting Topics:* The Cheesecake sale did great! Thank you all who bought a cake or 5. I'm personally excited to try them myself after everyone's raving reviews. Those will be ready for pick up Dec 21st. We set up a little hot cocoa stand on Friday, December 2nd for families to grab cocoa as they drive around and see the holiday lights in town and raised \$50.
 - *Discussion Topics:* None at this time
 - *Voting Topics:* None at this time

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- *Calendar*: Cheesecake pickup December 21st

- **Administration Communication: Stephanie Snyder (Given by Mrs. Wardell)**
 - Holiday Parties will be held on December 23rd. PTO parents can arrive for set up at 10:30 am. Parties will be held from 11-12:15. Middle school room parents should reach out to their teachers for specifics.
 - Thursday, December 8th is our next Parent Chat in the school's library at 7 pm. The topic is Special education and home to school connections. All are invited to attend. Our January 9th Parent Chat will be the rescheduled Cyber Safety discussion. This is timely due to all the new electronics which may be delivered for the Holiday season.
 - The Holiday Concert is scheduled December 14th.
 - Winter break is December 24th through January 2nd. December 23rd is an early dismissal. School re-opens on January 3rd.
- **Teacher Liaison Communication: Debbie Croasdale (Given by Megan Simini)**
 - We continue to have a growing lost and found. Please be sure to put your child's name on their belongings to help with the return of lost items.
 - As we head into the colder months, remember that elementary students go out for a 30 minute recess daily. Please be sure they are dressed for the weather.
 - Also, as the weather gets colder and the days become dark sooner, we encourage you to make reading with your children a daily habit. Cozy up with a good book for them to read to you or you to read to them. We promise, this habit will benefit you BOTH.
 - The K-4 holiday party will occur on Friday, December 23rd from 11-12:15. Room parents should check in with your child's teacher to see if there are any specifics you should know about for the party. Head room parents please let the teachers know who will be attending. This list will be shared with Nancy Holzworth so she knows who is coming into the building.
 - The holiday concert for music is 12/14 at 7PM. It will be the Band and Chorus. It is our first combined concert in 3 years.
 - We wish you and your families a happy and HEALTHY holiday! May 2023 bring us all peace and positivity.
- **BOE Liaison Communication**
- **New Business**
- **Public Comment**
- **Next Meeting Date and Time**
 - January 18, 2023 at 7pm in the HTS Auditorium
- **Adjournment**

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- Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm.