

# Holland Township PTO Meeting Minutes

October 27, 2022

Location: HTS Auditorium

- **Call To Order:**
  - Casey Bickhardt, Holland Township PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:02 pm.
- **Minutes:**

Review and approval vote of minutes from September 22, 2022 PTO Meeting.

  - *Motion made to approve the September 22, 2022 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- **President's Report (Given by Casey Bickhardt, PTO President):**
  - Correspondence: Mrs. Pursell (Book Fair) – Thought this book fair was one of the best ever – her class loved it, and appreciated the teacher credit.
  - Mrs. Lazier - Thank you card for the \$10 credit to get books for the book fair.
  - Mrs. Sloyer's class – Thank you – her class loved the book fair!
- **Treasurer's Report (Given by Jennifer Bartruff, PTO Treasurer)**
  - \$26,316.96 checking balance
  - Please cash any outstanding checks that you have!
- **Vice President's Report/Committee Reports:**
  - **No Updates:** Family Events, Staff Appreciation
  - Assemblies: Reported by Amy Hawrylo
    - *General Reporting Topics:* Looking for volunteers for committee and ideas for assemblies to share with the school. Reached out to Mrs. Snyder to talk to her about suggestions that the school has.
    - *Discussion Topics:* None
    - *Voting Topics:* None
    - *Calendar:* None
  - Bookfair: Tomasina McGuire (Reported by Casey Bickhardt)
    - General Reporting Topics: Book Fair in person wrapped up at Family night on Friday, October 7th. Online Fair ends on Friday, October 14th. The final cash sales were \$10,967.73. We took a cash option of 25% (subtract the tax, tax exempt purchases) and gave us a profit of \$2,524.56. We used \$1,557.27 of our scholastic dollars that were sitting in our account previously to purchase books for students, raffle items, prizes for the guessing game, extra teacher wish list books, \$250 in books for each of the 2 libraries and every staff had the opportunity to redeem \$10 in scholastic dollars towards any book in the fair. Huge thank you to the co-chairs: Melody Conn, Bonnie Agaccio, Mary Wiklanski, Dana Stem, Meg Simini and Tim McGuire for all the volunteering to make it a successful event for the students and staff.
    - *Discussion Topics:* None
    - *Voting Topics:* None

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- *Calendar*: No date has been secured for the Spring Fair yet.
- Fundraising: Samantha Grundstrom (Reported by Casey Bickhardt)
  - *General Reporting Topics*: The costume swap was a great event! A lot of families came out and found some costumes. Thank you everyone! We are moving onto our next fundraiser- a family photoshoot. The sign ups just opened up and that will be Nov 12th at the local Blue Moon Farm. We are also working on a cheesecake fundraiser with Maddalena's for the Christmas season. Also, looking into the gift card sale for the winter holidays.
  - *Discussion Topics*: None at this time
  - *Voting Topics*: None at this time
  - *Calendar*: November 12th (rain date of November 13th) for our photoshoot.
  
- **Administration Communication: Stephanie Snyder (Reported by Mrs. Wardell)**
  - Thank you to all the parents who helped out with the PTO bookfair and picture day. The event was well organized and very profitable from what I hear. Thank you to the PTO for organizing the "Meet the Candidate" night.
  - Reminders for October and beginning of November:
    1. Halloween Parade is October 28th at approximately 10:50 am – please do not park in the chiropractor lot! Class parties will be held directly after. Remember that only named room parents will be invited to help out with the parties. Ms. Holzworth in the main office will need a list of parents who will be in attendance. This is an early dismissal day for Staff Development
    2. 8<sup>th</sup> Graders are performing Thriller dance on Monday afternoon.
    3. Parent-Teacher conferences will be held for struggling students on November 8th and 9<sup>th</sup> (early dismissal days). If you wish to meet with your child's teacher for a conference, please do not wait to schedule during these two days. Teacher conferences, whether in person or virtual, can be held at any time of the year. We would like to encourage ongoing, frequent communication and get away from the one time a year mindset.
    4. NJEA convention is November 10th and 11th. School is closed for this event.
  
- **Teacher Liaison Communication (Reported by Deb Croasdale)**
  - Thank you from all the teachers for the \$10 Book Fair gift.
  - Elementary Halloween parade and party-Friday, October 28. Parade will begin at 10:50 on the track. Parents are invited to watch. A reminder that there is no parking in the chiropractor's lot. This is also an early dismissal day.
  - November 8-9 are conferences. If your child's teacher requested a meeting, you would have received a Google Form to complete with your preferred day. If you did not receive a request, feel free to request a meeting with the teacher at any time during the year.

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- No School-November 10 and 11
  - NORWESCAP Food Drive-Beginning November 1, the fourth grade students will begin hosting the school-wide food drive to benefit NORWESCAP. Please send in non-perishable food to your child's homeroom to help those in need. 4<sup>th</sup> graders will weigh all the boxes and pre-sort all of the food, then kids help load the box truck. Helps families in need locally as well as in other areas.
  - Mr. Kries has just wrapped up Passport Club and Chess Club will begin soon for grades 4-8. Please contact Mr. Kries if your child is interested. These are after school clubs with pick up promptly at 4 PM.
  - Soccer, cross country, and volleyball are wrapping up their seasons. Boys' and girls' basketball is coming soon. If interested, students should contact Mr. Schedlbauer. There is a meeting on November 14 after school until 3 PM for those interested. November 16 will begin try outs.
  - Chorus and Chorale are starting for grades 5-8. Email Mr. Lerch if you need details.
  - Will be doing a gift card drive – replaces the toy drive, parents that received them liked being able to do their own shopping. Any and all help would be appreciated!
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- **BOE Liaison Communication**
    - None
  - **New Business**
    - None
  - **Public Comment**
    - Thank you to the PTO Board for organizing the Meet the Candidates – it was nice to hear from the candidates!
    - Big shout out and thank you to the room parents who are helping with Halloween! If you have any questions, Emma is our room parent liaison so if you have any questions reach out to her. Your name must be on the list to get into the building tomorrow!
  - **Next Meeting Date and Time**
    - November 16, 2022 at 7pm in the HTS Auditorium
  - **Adjournment**
    - Meeting adjourned at 7:16.