

Holland Township PTO Meeting Minutes

November 15, 2023 @ 7:00 pm

Location: HTS Auditorium

- **Call To Order**
 - Casey Bickhardt, PTO President, called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm.
- **Minutes:** Review and approval vote of minutes from October 11, 2023 PTO Meeting.
 - October 11, 2023 minutes reflect the November 15, 2023 Teacher Liaison notes.
 - *Motion made to approve the October 11, 2023 meeting minutes with a correction to the October 11, 2023 Teacher Liaison notes. The motion was seconded and approved.*
- **President's Report**
 - Correspondence:
 - Mrs. Sloyer's Class - Thank you for the Bad Seed Book (purchased from teacher's wishlists by the PTO at the Book Fair)
 - Allison Harvey – Thank you for the PTO scholarship to help towards college.
 - Mr. Fenning & Mr. Horak – Thank you for the donation of books to our classroom!
- **Treasurer's Report**
 - Income noted from Raise Right fundraiser, Costume Swap, Book Fair, Spirit Wear Sale, School Kitz, and Tricky Tray Admission Pre-Sales
 - Expenses recorded from Tricky Tray
 - Tricky Tray currently gross profit of \$13,000 (still have expenses to process)
- **Vice President's Report/Committee Reports:**
 - **No Reports:** Ad Hoc Pavilion, Staff Appreciation
 - **Committee Name: 8th Grade Dance**
 - Chair: Alyssa Kries
 - General Topics:
 - Awesome news - the Holiday Store at HTS is back for the first time in 4 years! The store will run Monday, December 4th - Thursday, December 7th from 8 am until 2:30 pm. A schedule will be sent out once finalized.
 - The school is asking for parents of 8th graders to help out. I will be making the schedule of volunteers so if any parents of 8th grade students would like to help that week, please text or email me. Thank you!
 - Discussion Topics: None
 - Voting Topics: None
 - Calendar: 12/4 - 12/7 Holiday Store
 - **Committee Name: Assemblies**

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- Chair: Laura Tessieri/Amy Hawrylo
- General Topics:
 - Laura met with the School Administration in October to discuss ideas gathered by the PTO Assemblies Committee. The petting zoo was remarked to be a winner, great for all kids, and that it was hoped to become a yearly 2-day event at the end of the year. Two other assemblies were discussed to move forward, one would be for K-5, the Talewise 'Science Spectacular' that was highly recommended by those that attended the (not highly attended because it was raining) Holland Community Day. It contains lots of science experiments that get the kids involved. And the other would be the Ultimate Human Board Game for grades 3-8 that could happen one of the days the week before spring break. This assembly was recommended by Kingwood Township last year and supports getting kids together and working in groups in an activity based setting. It was developed by someone who was always picked last and aims to build school community.
- Discussion Topics: The PTO membership was supportive of the Assemblies Committee moving forward with the following assemblies: Petting Zoo: \$1000, Human Board Game: \$2,195, Talewise Science Spectacular: \$650. No payment is needed at this time but prices are listed here. Total of \$3,845. Current budget is \$5,000.
- Voting Topics: None
- Calendar: 12/4 - 12/7 Holiday Store
- **Committee Name: Family Events**
 - Chair: Gayle Hatch/Dana Hawley
 - General Topics: Holiday Themed Family Zumba Friday 12/1 6-7:30 pm. - wear your favorite holiday pajamas!
 - Discussion Topics: None
 - Voting Topics: None
 - Calendar: December 1st - Holiday Zumba @ HTS
- **Committee Name: Fundraising**
 - Chair: Samantha Grundstrom
 - General Topics:
 - General Reporting Topics:
 - The Tricky Tray was a huge success!!! Our team went above and beyond to make it a great event. Thank you everyone who helped and all of you who came out to enjoy! I'm so excited to share we raised over...\$
 - Our Family Photoshoot also went well! We got beautiful weather and I personally look forward to seeing everyone's pictures.
 - If gambling and coordinating outfits aren't your thing, next fundraiser is Cheesecake! Pairing up with Maddalena's we

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have a cheesecake sale in time for your Winter break! I got 3 last year for myself and a gift for my neighbor. Those orders need to be placed right after Thanksgiving so make sure you get yours in!

○ Thank you again for all the support.

● Discussion Topics: None

● Voting Topics: None

● Calendar:

○ November 26th - Cheesecake Orders Due

○ **Committee Name: Fundraising - Spirit Wear**

■ Co-Chair: Kristy Pieloch

■ General Topics: The store is up and running. We are thinking about extending the basketball related items an additional week since tryouts haven't taken place yet.

■ Discussion Topics: I am thinking about sending out a survey after the school store closes to see what people would be interested in seeing differently or more of with spirit wear items.

■ Voting Topics: None

■ Calendar: Spirit Wear Sales close Friday, November 17

● **Teacher Liaison Communication: Deb Croasdale**

○ Congratulations on a successful tricky tray and for reserving a table for staff who attended. It was a great time.

○ Thank you to all who made time in their busy lives to come into conferences to work with your child's teacher to make this the best year possible. Remember that you may request a meeting/phone call at any time if you have concerns or questions.

○ Our nursing staff are once again collecting gift cards to make the holidays special for all of our families. The deadline for sending in or dropping off gift cards is December 4 to allow families time to shop.

○ The fourth grade food collection for The NORWESCAP Food Drive will be wrapping up on Monday, November 20. Bring some items to the meeting if that is easier for you. Donations may also be sent into your child's homeroom.

○ Computer Club for middle school began this week and The Newsletter Club with Mr. Horak is working hard to complete their first school newsletter. Middle School students are always welcome to join. See Mr. Horak for details.

○ There will be an early dismissal Wednesday, November 22 and school will be closed November 23-24 to celebrate Thanksgiving.

○ December 5 at 7:00 - Mrs. Daniels' Final Play - Twice Upon a Time! \$5 donation at the door, seniors are free!

○ December 15 will be the middle school formal dance from 7-9 PM.

○ Plan ahead-December 22 Winter Parties, early dismissal (11:00 - 12:15). Room Parents please let teacher know what your plans are and who will be coming in!

○ Gaga Pit has started to be installed!

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- **BOE Liaison Communication**
- **New Business**
- **Public Comment**
 - Everyone is talking about how amazing Tricky Tray was! Huge thank you to the teachers for supporting the Tricky Tray AND for running baskets!
 - Thank you to all of our teachers for donating their time for our tricky tray prizes.
- **Next Meeting Date and Time**
 - December 6, 2023 at 7 pm in the HTS Auditorium
- **Adjournment**
 - Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.