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HMS PTSA General Membership Meeting

March 7<sup>th</sup> 2022

Meeting called to order by Jane at 7:02pm and welcome by Jane Yatzek.

In Attendance : Jane Yatzek, Kirsten Murphie, Peter Ritcheson, Jessica Ellison, Michael Contakes, Jennifer Brooks, Danielle Murphie, Laura Beaudet, Laurel Henshaw, Connie Visocky, Susan Barefield, Marie Luna

**Current Business:**

**Acceptance of the Minutes from the October 18th meeting** (Secretary Kirsten Murphie) – Motion to approve : Kirsten Murphie, Second : Jane Yatzek. Motion Passes.

**Treasurer’s Report** (Treasurer Peter Ritcheson) -

We only have the January statement, not much account spending other than the budget update of the \$875 that was approved at the last meeting for the ropes course inspection. The ropes course must have insurance in order for them to perform the inspection and Jane and Dr Ellison are currently trying to confirm from the school division that we do hold the insurance.

**Principal’s Update** (Dr. Ellison) – 8<sup>th</sup> grade will be having their English SOL’s for the next 2 days. These will occur during the first 2 periods of each day. Administration has been discussing what 8<sup>th</sup> grade stepping up will look like, and these discussions are on-going. We should know by the next PTA meeting. Request made by Kirsten Murphie to advocate for a school dance and end of year fun day for 8<sup>th</sup> grade like was done last year.

**Reflections Update** – District Results (Alisa Smith) – Nothing new yet.

**Mini-Grant Update** – New Cycle Beginning (Jane Yatzek) – No new update.

**Membership Update** – (Jane Yatzek) – We have over 150 families so far.

**Hospitality update** – (Jane Yatzek) – March ideas for treats and plan for April and May. Sara Koeck has volunteered to chair teacher appreciation week (May 2-6). Planning a luncheon on May 6<sup>th</sup>.

**Spiritwear Update** – (Jane Yatzek) – We have been asked to consider donating gently used spirit wear to the nurses office for students that cannot purchase it. All voted to support this idea. We will be taking a spring inventory at the end of the month.

**Service Day:** March 19<sup>th</sup> Service Day at the school from 9-12 to plant flowers and refresh flower beds.

**New Business:**

**The play (Moana) was a terrific success!**

**8<sup>th</sup> grade end of year Celebration &/or Dance** – Chaired by Kirsten Murphie – have had about half a dozen parents reach out to help. Asked about date – can we plan for June 9, last day of school, outdoors like last year? Dr Ellison will confirm date. Kirsten asked to advocate for an 8<sup>th</sup> grade or whole school dance, since the high schools are having prom this year.

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Executive Slate – Collie will stay on for treats and the current executive slate has agreed to stay on, but are still seeking nominees if anyone is interested.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm

Hornsby PTSA Next Meeting March 11th, 2022 @ 5:30 pm at the school in person and on zoom option.