

Hope PTO Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2022 via Zoom

In Attendance: Jess Hogan (board), Starre Haas (board), Tahneta Stroh (board), Jeannine Jabaay (board), Bec Howard (parent), Tammy Highley (teacher), Circe Shwentor (teacher), Eric Prince (staff), Eva Pate (staff), Lily Stroh (student representative)

Call to order @4:00 pm

**Principal report:** *Not in attendance*

**Teacher report:**

**Ms. Circe** - Gave summary of current subjects; shared that Christen Peck will be student teaching beginning next week.

**Ms. Highley** - Gave summary of current subjects.

**Treasurer report: Current balance: \$1405.45**

Expenses: \$3,100 for skiing has been paid. All other fundraisers this year are considered a "bonus."

PTO-funded dodge balls have arrived at the school.

The district has allowed the purchase of graphing calculators. So that purchase will be made with district funds.

**Student report:**

Lily shared that the museum fundraiser didn't happen. Not sure if a Homer or field trip will be possible. Tammy shared that there have been several discussions with the Whittier principal, but a trip there isn't likely due to that school's issues with outbreak; they have had to be remote learning at least three times. Circe shared that an Interactive VanGogh Experience will be in Anchorage soon. Date and ticket price TBA.

**Old business:**

FUNdraising

- Pie Sales \$690
- Winter carnival - \$288 from bake sale, coffee - \$400.
- An additional \$500 is expected for the pie sale as a donation from Jim Gilbert.
- Read-a-thon - Starts Feb 1, 2022. The team voted unanimous approval (moved by Jeannine; seconded by Tahneta) for up to \$350 to be spent on two \$50 Barnes and Noble gift cards (most pages read; most money raised) and a pizza party for the school (need to read 10,000 pages as a school). Action items: Tahneta will make the giant thermometer for the school to track pages read; Tahneta will purchase the two \$50 B&N gift cards; Starre will purchase the pizzas, chocolate chip cookies and Capri Suns from Costco when the party is scheduled; Jess volunteered her commercial oven to bake the pizzas for the party.
- There was mention in December by Cheryl Stavish to host a bake sale for Valentine's Day, but that was not confirmed and is TBD.

**New business:**

- Rescheduled next meetings due to skiing. Skiing dates: Feb 1, Feb 8, Feb 15, Feb 22, March 1, March 15. Cost per student is \$155, for a grand total of \$3,100. The previously approved PTO amount was \$2,660.00. Board members (via email) discussed and approved additional funds to cover the cost for all students. Parents are asked to donate 50% of the lesson fee (\$77.50) to PTO, if possible.
- Spring Break - Week of March 7-11.
- Early Release at 2 pm- Friday, Jan 21st and every Friday until spring break.
- Teacher Appreciation BBQ will be planned at the end of the school year. Might be coordinated with a car wash and bake sale.
- Discussion about a possible community-wide Easter egg hunt. Will visit this idea again as we get closer to Easter.
- No PTO meeting scheduled for February.

Next meeting scheduled for March 2, 2022

Meeting adjourned @4:34 pm.