

## Henniker Community School PTA Minutes

February 20, 2023

7:00PM

**Attendees:** Ashley R., Matt C, Maggie S, Deb G., Jeannie A., Nikki O, Lindsay B., Heidi DW, Christie B., Mrs. Nye, Colleen G.

**Called to order:7:02**

**Approve last meeting minutes**-approved.

### **Membership:**

**Treasurer's Report:** Retirees update: One teacher - Val Dyer. Staffing is 45 teachers, however 80 total staff. 100 for the retiree. 1200 for teacher retirement.

Balance Sheet reviewed.

Receipts still needed for Light up Henniker.

Suggestion to give the 124 to Student Council as this is amount raised by the cakewalk

Easter: can we partner with NEC again? SAC committee had run it in the past.

Author visit: Merrick Bennett

Activity Day: this is an HCS event k-4. HCS will be expanding it to k-8. 7/8 can be buddies or a helper. Choices of activities have already been done. Students may come and see us and ask to sponsor a food truck. Date is either 5/26 or 6/3. Need to confirm.

**Time/date survey results:** Pick a date for inperson spring meeting- table until

### **Committee Reports:**

Teacher/staff Appreciation - May 8th-12th: Lindsay B will send out an email to the whole PTA.

- Heidi Decker Warnes: .offering 15 min massages for teachers. Weds.work well for CB as she is a PT and can pitch in. Some mom's who are estheticians have offered to do some dips etc. Heidi will look into numbers. Probably in the 20-25 per person. We do have about 80 people.

- Need a place for this Zen Den.

Recess Shed: Matt reported that they have moved certain items into an accessible area as the snow is blocking.

Book Fair- Going well. Lindsay B is feeling that this is the most successful one to date. Rough estimate: 700 in one register and 1000 on one day, 3000 and 2000 dollars on Friday.

Teachers should check their e-wallets as donations are rolling in. They can use it online on Scholastic.

Scholastic dollars were given to buy a free book for each

Valentine's Dance: 2/10 Recap and Debrief- Ashley was impressed with the amount of volunteers, especially with working the dance and making the cakes. There were a number of 7/8th graders who are now very interested in the student council.

Thoughts for next year: earlier time for younger kids and later for the older kids.

An emcee may be necessary to guide the event. Perhaps calling it a social vs. a dance.

Lindsay got a quote for both the photo booth and DJ. 1000 for both.

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### **Fundraising:**

QR Code - let Lindsey

Parents night out: tabled until next year. We will need to start working with the kids, restaurants.

Meadow Farm Fundraiser: catalog for kitchen items, etc. We could do this seasonally. Heidi talked with Josh. No upfront costs, 35-40 percent profit. We can get catalogues as well. Items ship quickly. If we did this now, we could get things going for Easter. Range of prizes for options. 70% off for teachers' orders.

This would start around March 7th and goes for three weeks.

What would the money be used for? Kids need to understand why they were selling something. Matt has been a part of this fundraiser before, but they didn't offer drop shipping. The drop shipping would be a major improvement. 10% of the students have to sell one item.

Back to school event/fall/Halloween festival?

Maggie suggested that if we do this, the parents are given a heads up via email first.

Josh said that in order to get it started later we would need to have a shorter selling window in order to get in for Easter.

Motion made, seconded

### **New Business:**

**Swag Shop:** Nikki-

Jen from Sunapee heads up a group of students who run the swag store. Open it

seasonally and the items would be sent to the school.

Nikki offered up a motion to go in on this and it was approved. She and Heidi will contact Jen and get going.

**Membership rates:**

Proposed

•\$5 - Teachers and HCS staff

•\$10 - Individual

•\$15 - Family; 2 adults

Maggie did some research and there's a range 0-25. Hopkinton has a chart where it's all laid out.

We need to be clear about what the money is used for. Matt suggested framing it as the dues cover the basics, then the fundraising can be use for all the events.

Plan to be ready with this for the end of the year. **We will finalize in the March meeting.**

**Storage Unit:** now run by the Greenfield Harvesters. We may be being overcharged. Also, the door wouldn't open and there is no one local to help with an issue. We'd like to switch it to one run by someone local in town, for cheaper and smaller.

Motion made to move it. Nikki will look into this.

**Money from the Family Dance: Cakewalk** - motion made, seconded and approved to donate the cake walk money to the student council.

**Author Visit:** Motion made to give 1500 to pay for Author visit.

Next Meeting: March 20th 2023-7pm

Meeting Adjourned: 8:14pm