

PTA Meeting 11/14/2023

ATTENDEES

Faith Hudson, Heather Moraff, Melissa Zawadzki, Sean Larsen, Karin Armour Popkey, Sophia Quirk, Emily Griffin, Melissa Green Parker(all others added later)

AGENDA

Minutes Read from last meeting

1. Karin Armour Popkey moves to approve
2. Sean Larsen seconds, minutes approved

Treasurer Report

- Account balance \$17,188.65
- Our audit is cleared and 2023 is closed fiscally
- No quorum reached for this meeting, so no vote on budget or budget amendments
- Two members in attendance asked for the PTA budget to be included on the PTA website for all to see; all agreed

Membership Report

- 187 members
- Last years membership topped at 177

Admin Report

- 2 Mojo's favorably done so far
- Thanks for Trunk or Treat

- American Education Week is November 13–17th, 2023, parents welcome to the classroom
- Parent Teacher Conferences November 20–22nd, 2023
- Picture retake **Nov 15, 2023**
- This is currently Bullying Prevention Week
- Desperate need for substitute teachers, see Mrs. Moraff (heather_moraff@hcpss.org) for more information
- Donations of tissues, sanitizer, and wipes are welcome for cold and flu season
- REIMBURSING SCHOOL SUPPLIES: policy statement change regarding \$110 limit; see Mrs. Moraff (heather_moraff@hcpss.org) for clarification

PTACHC Report

- HoCo by Design plan passed
- Howard County Council member Deb Jung made an assessment of the plan and has concerns about school overcrowding and school safety
- Between now and June, PTACHC will facilitate mini meetings once a month for all PTA's to network

Old and Ongoing business

- Trunk or Treat a success, but why weren't there more participants?
- Skate Party a success
- Square 1 Art fundraiser is due November 17, 2023, art went home last week
- Charleston Wrapping paper fundraiser is current through December 5, 2023
- Charleston Wrapping paper only has catalogs for K-3rd grades
- PTA is providing dinner during parent teacher conferences next week
- Still looking for a MOJO volunteer for December: see Katie Thorn for more info or email kathrynthorn@gmail.com
- Faith Hudson (fph176@gmail.com) needs help with Lost and Found, contact her for more info

New Business

- Talent Show volunteers needed, see Ryan Watkins (ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com) for more info

- Scholastic Book Fair is December 11-15, December 14 will be family night for shopping
- Mrs. Meyer (sharon_meyer@hcpss.org) Gifted and Talented Resource teacher presented a proposal for a grant from PTA toward fencing for the school garden:
 1. Two companies contacted for estimates regarding cost of metal fencing
 2. D+A Fences estimated a 4 foot fence for \$2400, and a 6 foot fence for \$2900; additional estimate provided by other business listed 5 foot fence costing \$4800
 3. Concern raised for why wood fencing is not being considered; NEW wood fencing would be properly treated to last far longer than the previous wood fence which was supposed to be temporary
 4. Concern raised whether new Portable Classrooms might be placed where existing garden exists
 5. Tabled discussion to call maintenance to inquire position of new classrooms
- Currently working on March 18, 2024 for Harlem Wizards fundraiser at Hammond High; Sophia Quirk will follow up with Hammond High to determine seating capacity for our event
- Discussion regarding the ease of adding new PTA members and ease of understanding PTA schedule of events and fundraisers; PTA utilizes a Facebook page, it's own web page, Instagram (with separate grade-level IG's), and email blasts through Hammond Elementary website
- Next PTA meetings are January 9, March 12, and May 7, 2024
- Treasurer and Communications VP positions will be available for election May 7, 2024

Emily Griffin moves to adjourn the meeting, Sean Larsen seconds.