**High Bridge Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**March 15, 2022**

1. **WELCOME**
2. **HIGHLIGHTS/OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Discount Cards/PTO Memberships**
      1. No new updates for discount cards; need to pay
      2. One new PTO member
   2. **ES Book Fair**
      1. A huge success – great to see everyone, kids all well behaved
      2. Sold $5,643.39 – earned $2821.70 in scholastic dollars or cash $1410.85
      3. We opted to take cash since we haven’t had a fundraiser in a while
   3. **Staff Attendance at PTO Meetings**
      1. Laurel sent an email reminder to all staff
      2. Staff indicated prior to the meeting that they had trouble logging in; cannot log in on their work email
3. **FINANCE REPORT**
   1. See Finance Report
   2. February was quiet. Only 3 checks cleared – flowers for Teacher of the Year, mini grant to Mrs. Alparone, lollipops for 2-22 Tuesday
   3. Will have more activity for March with book fair, etc.
4. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** Dr. Hobaugh
   1. March 7 was first opportunity to go mask-free (optional)
      1. Staff & students are happier
      2. Some kids still wearing masks
      3. Updated policy with the BOE
   2. Budget to be rolled out March 21 meeting
      1. Lost a lot of state aid because our numbers went down
      2. No county or town taxes
   3. Want to do outside school concert in the spring
   4. ES to go to MS to see the play
   5. Trying to open up some field trips for students
   6. School is open now for activities/events
5. **TEACHER LIAISON – No Report**
6. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: April 11 & 25**
7. **NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING EVENTS**
   1. **501c4 to 501c3**
      1. No updates but still need bylaws
   2. **MS Book Fair**
      1. Not going to be a BOGO this year – Scholastic has supply shortages
      2. Set up morning of April 25
      3. Book Fair during lunches April 25-29
   3. **Color Run**
      1. June 10 verbal commitment from both schools
      2. Trying to use same company from 2 years ago
   4. **MS Play**
      1. Play is March 24-26
      2. Nicole, Laurel & Maureen went in last week to help get Mrs. Bursztyn organized with costumes, etc.
      3. PTO will be selling tickets, cookie grams, Lion King ears and carnations
      4. Katy to pick up supplies for rehearsals
   5. **Spring Clothing Drive**
      1. April 26 to April 29
      2. Set up the 25th; pick up on the 29th at 10 a.m.
   6. **Pampered Chef Fundraiser**
      1. Fundraiser will start April 1st for that whole week; see where we’re at and can keep it open longer if needed
   7. **Spirit Wear**
      1. Will hold sometime in April
      2. Looking at brands (pants too long)
      3. Tie dye & bigger sizes requested
      4. Possibly draw string backpacks and/or grocery totes because of bag ban coming up
   8. **Kids’ Night Out at ES**
      1. Outdoor dance at the ES on 4/29; rain date 5/6
      2. Dr. D is DJing – costs $500
      3. Will sell concessions
   9. **Kids’ Night Out at MS**
      1. KNO at MS on 4/29 with Student Leadership
      2. PTO will need volunteers to divide and conquer both events
   10. **Gaga Ball at MS**
       1. Laurel went to meet with Student Leadership
       2. Sending a Google doc to 8th grade to gauge interest
       3. Would be an 8th grade gift to the school because blacktop is possibly being repaired this summer
       4. PTO would help with fundraiser – Gertrude Hawk
       5. Would need to present to Dr. Hobaugh and he would present to the Board; could just accept it as a gift
   11. **Soap Box Derby**
       1. We usually do a 50/50 and gift the proceeds to a specific department
       2. Katy to try and get paperwork to the town before Thursday’s meeting
8. **BOARD ELECTIONS**
   1. MS Vice President and Secretary positions are up this year
   2. Nominations in April; go to vote in May
9. **NEXT MEETING: April 12 at 7 p.m.**
10. **QUESTIONS/COMMENTS:** Feel free to contact the PTO with any questions or comments at [HighBridgeSchoolsPTO@gmail.com](mailto:HighBridgeSchoolsPTO@gmail.com)

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

Nicole Groover, President; Laurel Gecek, MS Vice President; Kelly D’Ambola, ES Vice President; Courtney Bolger, Treasurer; Katy Lido, Secretary. Member-at-Large: Suzy Supnet. Administration: Dr. Hobaugh. Teachers: Donna Brown, Carley Marookian.