**High Bridge Parent Teacher Organization**

**Meeting Minutes**

**December 14, 2021**

1. **WELCOME**
2. **HIGHLIGHTS/OLD BUSINESS**
   1. **Discount Cards**
      1. No sales since last month
      2. Send Jose a check
   2. **PTO Membership**
      1. None since last month
   3. **Thanksgiving Pie Sale Pickup**
      1. Only 2 left over; texted those people and dropped off
      2. Pies were delicious – happy with Ort Farms
      3. We earned around $250 after PayPal fees, etc.
      4. Much smoother than prior year
   4. **Staff Breakfast**
      1. Was cancelled
      2. Centerpiece for office/staff – Courtney to get from Costco
   5. **ES Movie Night/MS Kids’ Night Out**
      1. Cancelled because of heightened Covid risk
      2. Not sure what will happen with Kids’ Night Out
         1. Will parent volunteers have to show Vax card? Kids wear masks?
         2. Kids bring donation for food pantry
         3. First date would be 1/21 so we have time to prepare
   6. **8th Grade Movie Concessions**
      1. 12/23 – watching Christmas Carol
      2. Put out request from ShopRite so school will handle
3. **FINANCE REPORT**
   1. See Finance Report.
   2. MS Book Fair money came in & out
   3. Ort Farms for pies; pie income
   4. Paid membership toolkit site
   5. Some school gifts
   6. Our half of cultural arts budget $600 – for ELA classes in 7th grade, playwright came in
4. **ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:** No one in attendance.
5. **TEACHER LIAISON REPORT:** No one in attendance.
6. **SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: January 6 & 11**
7. **NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING EVENTS**
   1. **Spirit Wear Pickup** 
      1. Deadline of 12/22 for AllSports
      2. Pickup will be 12/22 or 12/23
      3. Can deliver some items; don’t want to give to children because it’s not known what may be gifts
   2. **501c4 to 501c3**
      1. Nothing has changed
      2. Look into hiring someone – Katy has some feelers out, will follow up
      3. Need to make a priority and do before tax season
   3. **ES Book Fair**
      1. March 4-11 – approved
      2. Send vax cards to Mrs. Cahill
   4. **Scrips**
      1. Flyers never went home
      2. Proving not as fruitful as we had hoped
   5. **Scrips**
      1. Katy – nurses
      2. Kelly – secretaries
      3. Laurel/Nicole – custodians
      4. Nicole – crossing guards
   6. **Brennan Family Fundraiser Ideas**
      1. Princess Party at The Yard
      2. We typically give around $100 – could be school supplies. ShopRite gift card, etc.
      3. Can we join with the Women’s Group? Bring town together.
      4. Bereavement policy – should set a policy in place for this.
         1. Anything above $299 needs to be put out for a vote and could affect privacy
         2. Voted on $250 as standard donations going forward
   7. **Basketball Game**
      1. Disrespectful incident occurred toward our 3 cheerleaders yesterday
      2. Will present them and their coach with flowers/gift at the end of the season
8. **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.

Members-at-Large: Maureen Dorwart, Renee Brown.

Community: High Bridge Hound