

High Bridge Parent-Teacher Organization

Meeting Minutes

December 18, 2024

WELCOME

OLD BUSINESS

1. Membership Drive
 - a. 161 family members; 51 faculty/staff members
 - b. Dr. Hobough encouraged all staff to join today at an all-staff meeting
 - c. Membership continues all year
2. Replacing refrigerators
 - a. Put out a vote to all members to buy new refrigerators – one for ES and one for MS.
 - b. Approved by vote, only a handful of “no” with vast majority “yes”
 - c. Coleen Conroy is looking at pricing and process for payment
 - d. Amount is roughly \$1,700; includes cost to take the old ones away.
3. Pie Sale Pick Up
 - a. Works best doing it the Tuesday before Thanksgiving
 - b. Most people picked up; we had a few deliveries
 - c. Sold approximately 64 items
 - d. Ort Farms did not offer a discount this year like they have in years past
4. Student Leadership Breakfast
 - a. Day before Thanksgiving break
 - b. Great turnout; kids enjoyed
 - c. There is one more planned for the school year
5. Class Holiday Parties
 - a. Timing was switched from last hour of the day to 9:30-10:15 a.m.
 - b. Some parents were upset about it
 - c. Going forward, Dr. Hobough will have faculty set the dates before the end of the school year
 - d. Aimee Luster verifying who is HIB trained; if not trained, they will be turned away
6. High Bridge Tree Lighting
 - a. Student Leadership helped decorate the Commons and the Train Station
 - b. PTO offered cookies and hot chocolate
 - c. Great turnout
7. Teacher & Family Grants
 - a. Fulfilled a teacher grant for Mrs. Turner
 - b. Fulfilled a family grant

FINANCE REPORT

1. Suzy Supnet, Treasurer, shared the August beginning balance was \$30,126 (does not include refrigerators)
2. Income: \$63.12 (see financial report for details)
3. Expenses: \$575.19 (see financial report for details)

4. Ending balance is \$29,613

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT – Dr. Hobaugh

1. Teacher of the Year: Congratulations to Sharon Tryon at the MS and Reyna Perron at the ES
2. Commend Music Dept for last night's winter concerts
3. ES concert will be January 14
4. Board will approve 2025-26 school year calendar at the January Board meeting
5. Delayed Openings
 - a. At the ES, we have to start preschool at the same time so parking is even more difficult; will encourage more people to use the drop-off line.
 - b. Recognize that it is difficult for parents as well.
 - c. Follows the High Schools and consults with the High Bridge Police Dept.
6. Re-organization meeting: Monday, January 6; will elect new President and Vice President and instate 2 new members
7. Class Parties: spoke at district-wide staff meeting about how we want to have parents back in the building/be involved with their children. Parties will be set the 2025-26 parties at the end of this 2024-25 school year and will be the last hour of the day.

TEACHER LIAISON – Mrs. Brown-Torres and Mrs. Hughes

SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS: January 6 and January 13

NEW BUSINESS/UPCOMING EVENTS

1. Scouts – Jessica Biehl
 - a. Another Troop in Califon is folding so we may be absorbing those Scouts
 - b. They have a trailer; trying to find title
 - c. We have 25 kids in our Scouts troop
2. Bob Bork Memorial
 - a. Discussing a yearly scholarship in his name for students who exemplify community service
 - b. Executive Committee needs to determine if it's sustainable, what the criteria is, who the selection committee is
 - c. Submit a proposal to the Board
3. Holiday Breakfast
 - a. Tomorrow morning at both schools
 - b. Kelly & Suzy at ES; Katy and Nicole at MS
4. Holiday Gifts
 - a. Will be handed out tomorrow for crossing guards, administration and principals
5. Class Parties at ES: 12/20
6. Middle School Kids Night Out: 12/20
 - a. High School kids unavailable
 - b. Will have games and prizes
 - c. Ask Coleen Conroy to send out an email regarding what kids should wear
 - d. Don't have enough volunteers; need people who can be on alert

7. Conversations with Dr. Hobaugh
 - a. Looking to hold in January in the evening
 - b. Can possibly look into older kids babysitting younger kids with a teacher helping so more parents can attend
8. Super Raffle
 - a. Still looking to hold one but need to submit paperwork to have a second bank account (as required)
9. Spring Fundraiser
 - a. Too late to hold the Wizards game now
 - b. Still trying to think of something to do with the kids
 - c. The families really look forward to the Color Run
 - d. Possibly speak at the next Faculty Meeting about how they can support it

**Thank You for attending. If you have any questions, please reach out to
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