

Hackettstown Elementary PTA

Hackettstown Elementary PTA Meeting Hackettstown Middle School General PTA Business Meeting October 3, 2017

Board Members in Attendance: Kym Swayze-President, Christine Strelec- Vice President, Stacey – Vice President, Megan Jenkins- Treasurer, Nora Tufford- Corresponding Secretary, Laura Benbow- Recording Secretary,

Members in Attendance: Jessica Thompson- Membership Chairperson; Montana Vasquez-Grinnell, Michelle Guida, Beth Dailey, Vania Stevenson, Julie Fantano, Marie Griffin, Linda DiPaelo, Priscilla Ortiz, Jean Lobby, Kim Andrusin , Will Thompson,

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 7:10 by PTA president Kym Swayze

Pledge of Allegiance

Reading and Approval of Minutes- minutes from September read & approved

Correspondence- none at this meeting

Treasurer's Report- Megan distributed the current report current account balance is \$20,117.45

- ❖ Apple Pay was used for the Paint Night Fundraiser- working well

Old Business-

Membership- will pull raffle winner at the Nov meeting; trying to figure out best way for families to get membership to PTA, some are giving to teachers and teachers are giving to PTA

PTA Website- everything going well so far

KidStuff Fundraiser- trying to close it out, Willow has 110 still out- it has been a challenge getting Willow Grove's back due to school being closed, Hatch has 35 books still out at this point; possible to do create alternative drop site, possibly the library; Christine will explore ideas and follow up as needed

Fall Kids Bingo Night- postponed will do a winter activity instead

New business

5th & 6th Grade Halloween Party-

- ❖ Invites going out this week
- ❖ Still looking for a DJ- Vanya could reach out if needed

Paint Night Fundraisers

- ❖ Participants can register online
- ❖ Great deal for us a fundraiser
- ❖ No minimum to run
- ❖ Adult Paint night is BYOB

Committee Reports

Book Fairs-

- ❖ Hatchery Nov 6-8; MS Nov 20-21; Willow postponed until further notice; Kym running Hatchery book fair, Laura the MS, Scott running Willow's

Spirit Wear

- ❖ Price points on styles of mesh and fleece were too high
- ❖ In past PTA has profited around \$1000 from Spirit Wear
- ❖ Nora will explore having a blanket- they are \$15 and would have a paw on the back
- ❖ Stacey will ask her MIL to see if she would make knit shawls, they would have to be presale,
- ❖ Explore other avenues in future- Sienna would custom make items from headbands, dish towels and more; there may be other local artists who we could partner with for items

Principal's Reports

Mrs. Griffin- Hatchery Hill

- ❖ Welcome to Priscilla Ortiz- was a student teacher last year and has been hired to help with BSI in the 4th grade
- ❖ Kindness / Respect week starting; Mrs Alers made a puzzle piece for each class to decorate, the pieces will get put together in the lobby and spell "RESPECT"
- ❖ Wed is the laser show (same as last year) focus is on respect, Willow Grove's assembly will be rescheduled; Thursday is wear Bright Colors day and Friday is a presentation by Maureen Hall, a literacy coach, from Rutgers
- ❖ Oct 12 is 1st Principle Forum 6:00pm is Spanish presentations, 7:00pm is English- will speak to goals, PARCC and any other topics parents bring
- ❖ Oct 18th Title meeting- funds afterschool academic programs
- ❖ Oct 26th is Trinity Trunk or Treat
- ❖ Conferences Nov 6-8, NJEA break Nov 9th & 10th

Mr. McQueeney- Willow Grove

- ❖ Mr McQueeney unable to be at meeting- Miss Lobby speaking on his behalf
- ❖ Everyone has been so great and helpful during the time of the school closing
- ❖ Conferences planned for Nov 6-8
- ❖ Willow has the best parents in the world!

Mr. Thompson- HMS

- ❖ Thank you to the WG faculty being so awesome!
- ❖ It has been great having WG students at the school; on Friday having grades 1-4 was great coming together; 3rd & 4th graders seem to be loving being at the school
- ❖ Halloween Party- everyone excited
- ❖ Respect week- Detective Spears on Monday to talk about Cyberbullying & Internet Safety, Friday School Color day
- ❖ Oct 12th Principle forum- generally small audience, will discuss realignment
- ❖ Oct 19th Lip Sync Battle this year for Drama Club fundraiser rather than Talent Show- wanted something a little different this year
- ❖ Veteran's Day Assembly this year- will welcome & honor vets, letter going home to students
- ❖ District in process of confirming enrollment, it was done in Kindergarten and not again; town requested to ensure enrollment is accurate when compared to the census

Open Floor-

- ❖ HEA would like to partner with the PTA in collaboration to bring ideas to groups; would like to be runners for the Tricky Tray; thinking of sponsoring a movie night in winter

End Meeting called to end 8:11pm