

HHES PTO General Body Meeting

Wednesday, November 18, 2020

- I. Welcome – Nicole Roberts, President (7:03 pm)
- II. Approval of Minutes – Nicole Bartels, Secretary
 - a. Approved without objection
- III. Executive Board Updates
 - a. Communications Update – Nicole Bartels, Secretary (7:07)
 - i. Intrado/School Messenger
 1. Did people receive the test message and Principal's Posts? If not, please let us know and we can help make sure you sign-up (SchoolMax, Family Portal)
 2. Additional information/support on the website
 - ii. PTO Website
 1. Book Fair Link; T-Shirt Flash Sale; National Education Week Info
 - b. Financial Update – Yolanda Peele, Treasurer (7:11)
 - i. \$4289.41 in the bank as of 11/18
 - c. Membership Update – Hassana Blackwell, Vice President, Membership (7:13)
 - i. Membership Numbers: As of 11/18, we have 43 dues paying members for the 2020-2021 school year.

Introductory Remarks: Really hoping to get feedback and support from our membership for some projects/activities. We need some VOLUNTEERS!

- ii. PTO Committees – Fundraising, Kudos, Activity, 5th Grade Celebration
 1. Kudos Committee-- Thank you and praise for teachers, staff and students (Volunteers: Candance Dent); in addition to class liaisons (connection between PTO, parents and teachers-- mostly communication)--2nd grade- Volunteers: Candance Dent; Shantelle Wright Cunningham.
 2. Fundraising-- dine-outs, auction, other fundraising options-- Volunteers: Candance Dent, Melissa Jeanbatiste-Dixon

3. Activities-- Virtual socializing opportunities for students/families
4. 5th Grade Celebration-- spearhead 5th grade end-of-year activities to help make it memorable; Alicia Gordon, Karen Piskurich

IV. PTO Events

- a. Virtual Book Fair (7:24) – Shavon White, Vice President, Programs and Becky Yoblin, Chair-- We strongly encourage participation. It is a FUNDRAISER for the PTO (and we are somewhat limited). Goal is \$5,000, we make 25% of whatever we sell (online only doesn't do quite as well as in-person sales- tiered system for up to 40%!); runs until 11/24; unclear how we are doing so far (based on shipments, not orders); IF you want the free shipping (on orders over \$25.00) just make sure you check (some things qualify and some don't)
- b. Restaurant Night(7:29) – Gladys Erives, Parliamentarian, and Hassana Blackwell-- Waiting to finalize a December date (first or second week)-- goal is to have a location in District 1 & 5-- STAY TUNED
- c. Parent2Parent Virtual Workshop(7:30) – Nicole Roberts and Hassana Blackwell-- Part of the Activity Committee (first one will be hosted by the PTO)
 - i. Wednesday, December 9, 7-8 pm
 1. Open forum to share and discuss ideas, tips and challenges-- IF anyone has a specific issue they want to discuss, please give us a heads up
 - ii. Support and Tech Tips

V. School Events

- a. Friday, November 20, 8 am – Parent/Student Kahoot
- b. Tuesday, December 15 – College/Career Day- Reach out to Mrs. Bartley
- c. Monday, November 30-- Make-up Material Distribution
- d. Thursday, November 19--PGCPS Town Hall on Transportation
- e. PGCPS Meal Distribution continues M & W 10:00-1:00 (for ALL students); No distribution next week (Thanksgiving), instead Friday 11/20

- VI. Principal Manuel-- said a quick "Hello" and reminded people to keep up with updates and events in the Principal's Post and Class Dojo
- VII. Open Q & A and concerns from membership:
 - a. (Gavin Stokes): As a member-at-large board member-- trying to get more men involved in the PTO, if anyone has ideas, please let me know (Doug Piskurich, another dad, was present).
 - i. Q: Possible to "market" the Book Fair to the student's email?
 - ii. A: Becky & Shavon-- reached out to classroom teachers to help us reach out to students (We are somewhat limited because we don't have access to the student body). Dojo & Principal's Post. (Digital Wednesday Folder?)
 - iii. A: Send video to Ms. Manuel to put in the morning announcements (Becky) to market to students
 - b. (Candace Dent): Q: For t-shirts-- payment and delivery? A: CashApp, PayPal, or cash upon delivery. Once we get your order, Nicole Roberts will contact you for delivery.
 - c. (Becky Yoblin): Q: Parent-2-Parent session-- break-out sessions again?? A: Depending on attendance.
 - d. (Gavin Stokes): Kudos to Ms. Manuel for communications and all the good vibes so far this school year.
 - e. (Becky Yoblin): Q: School playground available for students to come play, meet-up after school? A: (Ms. Manuel)-- No.. it's meant to still be off limits and if students are there during school hours when someone is at the school, they will tell students that they are not allowed to be there.
 - f. (Alicia Gordon): Q. How will volunteers for committees be contacted?
A. PTO Board will reach out to you in the next week or so.

(Adjourn 7:58)