

HHES PTO General Body Meeting

Wednesday, May 19, 2021

- I. Welcome – Nicole Roberts, President (7:06 pm)
REMINDER FINAL MEETING, WED, June 2-- Elections
- II. Approval of Minutes – Nicole Bartels, Secretary
 - a. Approved unanimously
- III. Teacher Appreciation – Latreava Whitted, Board Member (7:08)
 - a. Nicole R: Ms. Bartley and others sent notes to thank PTO for the awesome teacher appreciation. Ms. Bartely said it was “the best one ever at HHES”
 - b. Latreava was having microphone problems (will come back-- returned at 7:32)
 - i. THANK YOU to all the committee members and parents who gave or committed their time.
 1. Breakfast table M, Th, FR in the morning (DD, Starbucks (donated)-- before 7:00 am!
 2. Snack stations in the teacher’s lounge-- all guides of fun goodies
 3. Gift bags on Friday-- Most loved teacher mug, teacher’s rule (ruler); HHES Mustangs Decal;
 4. Made signs (which can be reused-- Ms. Jones was going to laminate it)
 5. Teacher Fun Facts on morning announcements
 6. Gift Guide document for parents
 7. SO many great donations dropped off at Nicole Rs; Yard Signs
- IV. Fundraising – Shavon White, VP Programs (7:10)
 - a. Mid-Atlantic Fundraising-- Over \$1,200 raised (reported by Nicole R)
 - b. Scholastic Book Fair-- some progress being made (\$216 in sales so far)-- Becky Yoblin
 - i. Plan is to use the scholastic dollars to be used towards the media center for next year (a start-up fund for the new media teacher)
 - ii. One more week--so get in your orders!
- V. 5th Grade Promotion/Celebration – Nicole Bartels, Secretary (7:15 pm)

- a. Karen P--
 - i. yard signs \$2.75 (will be covered by PTO; need to get Yolanda the information so she can purchase). Also, Karen is going to see if there is someone that might be able to pick them up (out by Columbia), but if not, she will.; check on pick-up date with Ms. Manuel (Nicole B)-- Maybe have a “Yard Party” ahead of time where kids can take pictures with teachers, school and or each other? (Shantelle suggestion)
 - ii. Picnic table “class donation” from 5th grade \$150-- will be noted on the table in some way.
 - iii. T-shirts-- deciding on whether to order with spirit wear vendor or on our own (Esty \$11.40; group order will give discount); maybe do an actual bag? (Becky suggestion)

VI. Spirit wear-- SORRY for the delay; waiting approval and there was a miscommunication; should be sending out a link to order (and also include 5th grade shirt design), even though it is the end of the year, soon.

VII. Funding Request: Picnic Tables – Nicole Roberts

- a. Similar to last year’s 5th grade gift (peace pole, which is up and looking great at HHES), we want to be able to purchase 1-2 more picnic tables for Mr. Harris to put together and put outside in the garden for an “outdoor classroom”

Q. Gavin-- is that something that is usually provided by the school’s infrastructure budget?

- i. We think, not, because the ones that are there were marked as gift of Class of 1994
- ii. Future options-- tree stumps (Becky)

VIII. Hassana Updates: SOME response for 3rd quarter kudos, but still NOT all; working on getting that approved to still be distributed to public from Ms. Manuel. (7:30)

IX. Any other issues or updates??? (7:36)

X. HHES PTO Board 2021-2022

a. Nominations

- i. As is the case EVERY year, ALL positions are “open”; even returning board members have to run. There are a number of us that are NOT intending to return, though and for no reason beyond the fact that personal situations have changed (or they have been term limited).

- ii. Nicole R will not be returning--advice to those considering: level of effort can be what you want it to be; if you are hesitant about time, you can figure it out and people can step up when others need to step away; overall a great experience
- iii. Looking to give space to have more to step up; many of us have been on the board for more than one term; board has been a positive experience for all of us and we all still intend to be apart of PTO; only Yolanda is the board member that is leaving (her daughter is graduating)-- Shavon, Latreva, Nicole R and Nicole B, Gladys all intended to be around to help out; chair a committee; positive experience and at least try it out!
- iv. Gavin-- wants to thank everyone for all the work that they did in these unprecedented times. We are lucky to have HHES in our community and the other way that we can ensure that it does well is with PTO parents and volunteers; it matters and shows. The school belongs to us and we can exercise our ability to help the school and set expectations. An active PTO makes the school a better place and a great way to ensure your child's success here at HHES.
- v. Nominations:
 - 1. **President**-- Description by current President (Nicole R): can be taken on in a lot of different ways-- make it your own; setting up the agenda, meeting, running the meeting, primary point of contact for the school and PTO; facilitates discussion
 - a. **NO formal nomination made at this time**
 - 2. **Vice President of Membership**-- Description by current VP of Membership (Hassana): Coordinating membership, when parents/families register, spearheading people on different committees; great opportunity to get to know some of the other parents
 - a. **NO formal nomination made at this time**
 - 3. **Vice President of Programs & Services**: Description by current VP of Programs & Services (Shavon): deals a lot with Fundraisers, but oversees and supervises committee chairs
 - a. **Taiwana Lucy** (nominated and second)
 - 4. **Treasurer**-- Description by current Treasurer (Yolanda): budget, keeping track of money in and out, dues, fundraisers, etc.
 - a. **Hassana Blackwell** (nominated and seconded)

5. **Secretary**-- takes minutes at the meetings (board and membership); communication with membership and on the FB pages and website; oversees website
 - a. **NO formal nomination made at this time**
6. **Parliamentarian**-- Description by current Parliamentarian (Gladys): in charge of executing the bylaws, possible/necessary to rewrite/revise bylaws next year; but also steps up and helps out as needed
 - a. **NO formal nomination made at this time**
7. **Member at Large**-- Description by current office holders: Latreva & Gavin-- meant to be a position that supports the other board members in their positions, so it can really be ANYTHING and EVERYTHING ;)
 - a. **Brandi McMillian** (second)
 - b. **Shayla Stokes** (second)

Nominations can be taken from today until the vote-- so think it over and see if there is a position you might like to fill.

Elections – June 2, 7 pm

Adjourn on 8:24 pm