

HPTC Meeting Minutes
October 3, 2018

In attendance: Sarah Burke, Jenny Boelter, Amy Woodruff, Rachel Chaltraw, Jim Bailey, Jill Rummler, Danielle Ridley.

Meeting called to order 6:04 pm.

May minutes approved.

Treasurer's report: Jenny Boelter

- Surplus is at \$1,351.96 after covering all extra expenses last year. (teacher's lounge, vinyl for bathrooms, landscaping)

Principal's update: Jim Bailey

- Great author visit with Nancy Castaldo yesterday. She writes non fiction, mostly about animals. The students really enjoyed it. We are working on another author for our one book reading and art show. We have confirmed Kelly DiPucchio! We will have a superhero theme.
- We have hired a social worker, Brandon Gaeth. He is doing a great job and the kids are really enjoying him. He helps at dismissal and in the morning too, in order to get to know kids.
- Wednesday is Hemmeter day where the staff always wears their new t-shirts.
- The Hemmeter Essentials are new this year. They are 40 life skills the students are learning and implementing. The kids are really enjoying them.
- Parent help in the parking lot has been so wonderful--thank you!

Committee Reports

- a. Fun fair: November 3. Lisa Lewis reports we have a 50 parent committee and everything is running along smoothly. Everything seems to be on track. Sign up genius forms are all set as well.
- b. Fall book fair: October 22-26. Sara Himm reports that she would like a sign up genius set up. She also wondered about using another company (Follet) for future fairs. Currently, we have used Scholastic. Follet has the advantage of working with multiple publishers. Possibly we could do this as an additional fair in January or at the end of the year for summer reading.
- c. Destination Imagination: John Kowalski reports teams are being formed and we have had a response for Rising Stars. One of the parents volunteered to be a 1st grade coach. He wonders if he should pay for the current teams or wait for the other teams to be fully formed. Our recommendation is to register the current teams at this time.
- d. Spark Day: Deb Dudewicz reports Spark theme will be Spark Powers Imagination. Cameron will do balloons and the assembly. Chippewa Nature Center will do a snake

program, The Animal Guy (Nelson Pearson) will be here. There will be an eyeball dissection. There is a tentative agreement with Detroit Science. Foundry in a box is returning. Mandy Tolasch will do T-shirts. Science will be a bigger focus as requested by teachers. Team will begin to meet this month again. If anyone knows any presenters, please let them know.

- e. Directory: Danielle Ridley reports that info is coming in and 160 people have responded. She wonders if we could go to a full page format like the handbook. This would save time. Feedback is that people do like the half size so we will continue to print them as we have. Directories will be printed conference week.
- f. Staff appreciation: October 25. Amy Woodruff reports dinner will be provided for staff during conferences.
- g. Box Tops for Education: Jenny Boelter reports that the first submission date is November 1. We might want to do a contest or push for people to send them in.

New Business: Rachel Chaltraw asks Jim Bailey if we would like to send some information to the Township View or Education Works on our recent author visit. Jim will write a blurb and add pictures to send in. We will also aim to promote our school more through these avenues. Rachel will take the lead on this.

Meeting adjourned 7:04