

HPTC Minutes
November 6, 2019
6:00 pm

In attendance: Sarah Burke, Rachel Chaltraw, Jenny Boelter, Jill Rummler, Jim Bailey

Meeting called to order: 6:05 pm

Minutes approved

President's report: Thank you to Missy Hoch and Jamie Stella for heading up running club this fall. It was a great success. Thank you also to Danielle Ridley for organizing the directory. We had a record number of families participate. Thank you to Sara Himm for running the fall book fair. This was one of our best fairs to date! We really appreciate all our parent volunteers!

Treasurer's report: Jenny Boelter (see attached)

Highlights: Record numbers for book fair this year! Over \$1500!

Last years surplus funds used for KEVA planks, history bee, and fun fair auction boxes so far.

Teacher's report: Jill Rummler

Kindergarten: Students enjoyed a trip to Johnson's farm last month. They will be enjoying Thanksgiving projects and stories this month

1st: Students participated in a field trip to Baby Acres last month. The boys and girls are enjoying the new reading and writing workshop program that we are implementing.

2nd: Second grade readers are "growing like beanstalks." The boys and girls took some time to celebrate their reading growth. The boys and girls are also working on landform projects at home.

3rd: Students are wrapping up a unit in social studies on geography. The boys and girls are making their own Michigan brochures. The students are also "reading like gold" with our new reading workshop program. They made hot air balloons to represent that their reading life is "up, up, and away!"

4th: As a culminating activity, 4th grade students made insect projects to reflect their learning on the unit.

5th: Students enjoyed celebrating Halloween by dressing up as a vocabulary word. The boys and girls will begin a nonfiction unit in reading and writing this month. This will help prepare them for the Wax Museum that will take place after the holidays.

Veteran's Day Assembly is coming up. Thank you to the HPTC for providing dinner for the staff during conference week!

Principal's report: Jim Bailey

The History Bee in the upper elementary was a great event. Nicol Howald did a great job organizing. Winners were:

Diwali celebration was very nice, we are looking forward to more multicultural activities. Steve R. is going to be organizing a multicultural night in the future. Fall testing just wrapped up. Our focus currently at the school is our new reading and writing curriculum, which is going well.

Committee Reports:

DI: Good turnout for meeting last night. Will probably have 5 or 6 teams. Younger students interested so we will probably have Rising Stars this year.

Fun fair: This Saturday from 10-2! We are still looking for volunteers. We will be setting up Friday.

Family Dance: Meeting to come for volunteers mid November. Dance will be January 17, 2020.

Spark Day: Committee is working

Box Tops: Mr. Bailey will be coordinating. This month the box tops were submitted thanks to some 5th grade volunteers! Thank you! We collected \$350!

Holiday Scrip: Connie Brown is organizing. A paper copy will come home, as well as online available.

Grant writing/Sponsorships: Looking for ideas. Rachel Chaltraw looked into some grant writing options and we need more specifics before we can write for a grant. We need a theme/basic idea of what the money would be used for. Grants for SPARK (for STEM) make the most sense. It is one of our highest cost events. We need to set up a committee meeting before the new year for grant writing/sponsorships.

New playground equipment: Jim Bailey has been investigating. We are shooting for a February/March timeline after the cold weather.

Vice President's report: Rachel Chaltraw

Working on updated list of volunteers. Missing volunteers for Chess club if anyone is interested.

Thank you to all of our wonderful volunteers! PR is still being taken care of and we are submitting school and classroom events to the local newspapers.

New Business: Follett book fair? Possible end of year book fair for summer reading put on by school library?

Meeting adjourned: 6:50