

PTO General Meeting Minutes
Harloe Elementary School (Virtual Meeting)
August 25, 2021 @ 6:45pm

Attendance:

President: Samantha Doornbos

Vice President: Jill Richards

Secretary: Rachel Cogley

Treasurer: Lee Whitmer

Auditor: Kristen Wallin

Parliamentarian: Kelli Johnston

District Outreach: Katy Redmond

Jessica Doremus

Teacher Representatives: Sandee Sistek

Jennifer Atoigue

Historian: Anna Stewart

Principal: Debra Webster

Members-at-Large: Sara Gulino

Linda Rumley

Additional Attendees: Layla Saheb Ashley Weigand

Tim Faes Ericka Horn

Lauren Cook Christina Kistler

Jamey Stamets Jamie McMillan

Anna Johnson Kristi Hall

Absent:

Volunteer Coordinators: Tori Perkins

Jennifer King

Member-at-Large: Colleen Elliot

Call to Order: The Meeting was called to order at 6:49PM by President Sam Doornbos. She explained the Roberts Rules and how our meetings are conducted. She then introduced the 2021-2022 Board Members.

Minutes: A motion to accept May's Board Meeting minutes was made by Jill Richards and Linda Rumley made a motion to second. The motion was passed unanimously.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Webster reported that things are going well for the first 5 days of school. She is working on school-wide procedures and finalizing a plan for "Red Apple" prizes. They are keeping a close eye on sick kids. The Spirit Rally was great. Dr. Fawcett and Jennifer Handy attended the Spirit Rally and had a good time. She reminded everyone that back-to-school nights are 8/25 (4th-6th grade) and 8/31 (K-3rd grade.)

Treasurer's Report: A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Jessica Doremus and Anna Stewart made a motion to second. The motion was passed unanimously.

Lee Whitmer explained that the numbers are all projections so committee members know how events went previously.

A motion to approve the 2021-2022 Budget was made by Sara Gulino and Sandee Sistek made a motion to second. The motion was passed unanimously.

Teacher's Report: Sandee Sistek expressed appreciation to the PTO in helping staff kick off the new school year. Before school lunch was fantastic! The Spirit Rally was awesome. Felt like a fresh start. Signs and balloons were also

great. Jennifer Atoigue echoed everything Sandee said.

Sandee reported that Colette Reyes is asking what her budget for Children's Creative Project is. Sam said it was \$4,000 (depending on fundraising) Mrs. Reyes will stay in contact with Mrs. Webster about it.

New Business:

a. Garden Proposal - Layla Saheb introduced herself. She emailed a proposal to the PTO to fund a garden helper for the upcoming school year. The X-Grant will cover the remainder of this year. We need to start recruiting parents for a Parent Garden Club and she'd like PTO's help in funding One Cool Earth garden helper. Her suggestion is the \$6,000 plan (A GEM spends 10 hours each week doing garden maintenance, teaching at least 3 lessons, coordinating with teachers and the PTO, and supporting the green team. They will lead 2 community workdays per year, booth at open house, and write a monthly newsletter for the community). It would ease the pressure of the PTO involvement and would have an experienced gardener managing the space.

Tim Faes (parent volunteer) shared that his daughter was in Mrs. Saheb's class last year and their family took part in volunteer days. He adds that it would be a great investment for the PTO to fund the One Cool Earth garden helper.

Mrs. Webster would like to continue to support the garden, she just needs to check with human resources and school procedures on funding. Sam agrees the garden needs to be nurtured. We will need to table this and research where funds will come from.

Anna fully supports Layla and her garden project. Says that this is 100X better than any previous garden. Jennifer Atoigue added that if the maintenance of the garden is left up to the teachers, it wouldn't happen. We definitely need One Cool Earth's help.

b. Linda Rumley reminded everyone that Math Week is September 13-17. Mrs. Snowe will have math related read alongs, estimation jar, pi challenge, decoding games and chalk walk will be just some of the fun things happening that week. Volunteers needed for posters, etc.

c. Sam read Tori Perkins update - the fall event is a 6th grade function to welcome back 6th graders. This year the proposed fundraiser is a drive-thru Krispy Kreme event.

d. Anna explained that during Gold Week kids can donate money to go towards childhood cancer research. We will try to have Gold Week, in one form or another. It typically is the week of 9/24.

e. Sam reported that we usually have the Good Will Trailer on campus between winter and spring. There are designated hours that people can donate. The school receives \$800 for a full trailer.

f. Katy reported first Spirit Night will be 9/15 4-8pm at McDonald's in Arroyo Grande. The manager said we could also put tip jars at the registers. Chilly Cones is the proposed restaurant for the October Harloe Give Back night. She will be alternating Spirit Night and Give Back Nights every other month this year.

Old Business:

Jessica Doremus asked how we outreach to other parent volunteers for events. Sam explained that we have a list we can use for contacts. Also, PTO will be allowed to have a booth at both back-to-school nights.

Announcements:

- a. 8/26 Back to School Night
- b. 8/31 Back to School Night
- c. 9/6 Labor Day-No School
- d. 9/14, 9/16 Picture Days
- e. 9/15 McDonald's Spirit Night (4-8pm)
- f. TBD-Volunteer meetings

Handouts/Attachments:

- PTO General Meeting Agenda - General 8/25/2021 ●
- PTO General Meeting Minutes May 2021
- Treasurer's Report

- 2021-2022 Budget
- X-Prize Grant Answers
- One Cool Earth's Tiered Program Flyer
- Harloe Garden PTO Proposal

Meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.