

PTO MEETING MINUTES - GENERAL (VIRTUAL)

Harloe Elementary School
November 17, 2022 - 6:45 pm

Attendance:

<i>President:</i>	Samantha Doornbos
<i>Vice President:</i>	Jill Richards
<i>Secretary:</i>	Linda Rumley
<i>Treasurer:</i>	Lee Whitmer
<i>Parliamentarian:</i>	Kelli Johnston
<i>Historian:</i>	Anna Stewart
<i>District Outreach:</i>	Jessica Doremus
	Katy Redmond
<i>Teacher Representative:</i>	Sandee Sistek

Principal: Debra Webster

Additional Attendees: Ashley Madsen
Lauren Hargreaves
Samantha Bronson
Michelle Rogers

Absent:

<i>Auditor:</i>	Kristen Wallin
<i>Volunteer Coordinators:</i>	Tori Perkins
	Jennifer King

Members At Large

<i>Seat One:</i>	Colleen Elliot
<i>Seat Two:</i>	Sara Gulino
<i>Seat Three:</i>	Lindsey Muhlhauser
<i>Seat Four:</i>	Ashley Malan

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order at 6:47pm by the President, Sam Doornbos.

Minutes: A motion to accept June's General Meeting minutes was made by Jessica Doremus and Jill Richards made a motion to second. The motion was unanimously approved.

Principal's Report: Kids had a great time at camp and were excited about their 12 mile hike. One boy from Chuck's cabin came to school with a memory book, which was a great gesture. Parent teacher conferences have been going on all week. Several teachers reported that things are going well with the new report cards and the video had a lot of good information for parents. We're looking forward to the Thanksgiving break and wish everyone a happy Thanksgiving. Hope everyone gets some time to relax. Also, looking forward to the Holiday Store.

Treasurer's Report: A motion to approve the Treasurer's Report was made by Jessica Doremus and Anna Stewart made a motion to second. Motion was approved unanimously.

Teacher's Report: Sandee Sistek said thank you again for the Apex checks. Fun to see Mighty Mason who is a friend of her nephew. Working with teachers on getting the checks cashed. We're in the middle of conferences. The standard based report cards are different, but everyone is getting a good understanding of it. Some rooms are working on Thankful Projects. Mrs. Snowe wanted to remind everyone that Battle of the Books is starting for 4-6th grade and meetings are going to be starting soon. Mrs. Sistek will be helping with that. Right now the kids are starting to read the books. Thank you Linda for the user friendly website, which makes it easy to direct parents to the information they need as well as donation links, etc.. It's very clear and easy to use. Also, thank you for getting the Amazon Smile info out there as an easy way for parents to donate. She would like to update her teacher appreciation slide and PTO slide, and will check in with Linda to do so. The PTO team is amazing and appreciates being able to direct people to the website, which makes things so much easier. Teachers are ready for break time.

Question came up about See's candy: It will continue until 12/2. Kristen just printed flier that will go out to parents.

New Business

- a. Fall Event "Carnifall" Update (Katy, Jill) - Fall event made \$9,400 after everything was done, giving kids around \$100 towards camp. It was very successful and may have been the most we've made on a science camp fundraiser. Mrs. Sistek added that the cleanup was fast and the crowd even helped. Sam added Jill and Katy did an amazing job.
- b. Apex Update (Sam) - School profit: 36,406.65, 100% collection rate. 144 lessons taught, 6 lessons per class, 20,245 laps, 1,265 miles, 34 states donated, Apex team put in 300 hours. So thankful to Apex. The Apex give-back challenge - 60 students reached \$10/lap, when back to Feeding America to help provide meals to those in need. We did an incredible job and thank you to the volunteers, Apex team, teachers and staff, and everyone involved. We all worked together to make it happen. \$11,000 went back to the classrooms and office. We are booked for next year for the same time frame. Anna suggested maybe having Red Ribbon Week at the same time. We will put it on the calendar for that. It won't be on the same week as the National Week, but we can just combine it.
- c. Red Ribbon Week (Kristen & Colleen) - (We may combine it with Apex next year.) During Red Ribbon Week, we had our Spirit Days, as well as our traditional a DPAC performer assembly, a BMX rally, and Retro Bill came. It was a fun week for the kids.
- d. Science Camp Update (Katy, Jill) - Looking to make Science camp more sustainable and to take some pressure off the PTO and 5th grade chairs, especially in years that may have less parents available to help with the fundraising. We would like to have parents of students going to camp more responsible for individual fundraising, and have PTO pay around \$5500 to cover some costs, including scholarships. Katy has been talking to other schools too, to get more information, and to reconfigure how we raise the funds to have students attend. She hopes to have more info in January. Sam commented that because they are trying to raise the funds in a year, they need to reconfigure. Ashley Madsen suggested the World's Finest Chocolate Candy Fundraiser - it raised a lot of money for another school and could be a good option, as it only costs \$1, which allows more people to purchase. She also said it empowers the kids to raise money for themselves. Katy asked for contacts as she hasn't heard back from many PTOs. She agrees a more affordable option may work well, and thinks that's why our CarniFall worked so well. Sam mentioned we may also bring back the Coupon Book. Science Camp will be M-Th Veteran's Day

Week. Mrs. Webster said she'll make that Thursday a Minimum Day to accommodate the kids coming back from camp.

- e. Harloe's Winter Gift Shop (Sam) - In the middle of planning, Amazon boxes showing up. The shop will be Dec 5-16th. Sam is working on staffing/volunteers. There will be inexpensive options, with \$5 being the highest. They can purchase gifts for themselves, friends, and family. Gift bags will be provided as well. Sam mentioned the event is optional for teachers to walk their kids through. There will be a video that teachers can share with the students. Hoping for a successful event. They are also thinking about having a little change jar in the classrooms for those that don't have any change to spend, as there will be gifts at \$0.25.
- f. Math Night Update (Jean & Lauren) - Planning to return it to a Family Math Night event on Campus. They are working on what it looks like to have it on campus, what spaces are available to host the games. They want to create a family friendly environment. They want to loop in fundraising events geared toward Pi - Pizza (Pi) for \$3.14 and other things related to Pi. They need to determine how many games, and then how many volunteers will be needed. May offer it to high school and/or parent volunteers, and possibly get clubs involved. They will bring back the incentive for people to come with homework passes for those that attend. The class that has the most student participants will win a pie or pizza party. Lauren has made a flier on Canva and will be sharing it soon. Sam commended them for starting the planning early, and explained to Mrs. Webster that Robotics or other clubs might want to fundraise at the event, which also provides food for the event which is nice. Katy mentioned that if the clubs aren't interested, to check in with Kristen about doing something for Science Camp. Ashley Madsen said to check with Mr. Scuri regarding Robotics Club.

Old Business

- a. Audit Report will be tabled for January Meeting
- b. Updated Bylaws tabled for January Meeting
- c. Open Forum (Q&A up to 3 minutes)

Announcements

November

- a. 21-25 Thanksgiving Break
- b. 29 Diversity Club Workshop - Make a Dream Catcher 3-4pm
- c. 29 Garden Workday With One Cool Earth (3:30pm-5pm)

December

- d. 5-16 Harloe's Winter Gift Shop
- e. 19-30 Winter Break ends 1/6

Open Forum (3 min) - no comments

Meeting Adjourned at 7:25pm

Handouts/Attachments

- August PTO Meeting Agenda - 11/17/22
- November Treasurer's Report
- PTO General Minutes 9/15/22