

Meeting Minutes August 10, 2023

In attendance:

Erin Nielsen, President
Jennifer Montgomery, Treasurer
Rachel Kelly, VP of Ways and Means
Emily Sinsabaugh, VP of Room Parents
Erin Hollerbach, VP of Cultural Arts
Christine Bonner, Principle
Amy Ford, Associate Principle
Debbie Jones
Heidi Samuelson
Cheryl Boggs
Alicia Smith

Meeting called to order by Erin Nielsen. Stickers purchased at \$5/piece for teachers to be handed out during the President's meeting with the staff. Theme for this year is "Magic Happens Here"

Approved minutes from May 2023 meeting. Motion to approve minutes by Rachel Kelly, 2nd motion by Cheryl Boggs. All in favor of approving minutes.

Treasurer Report: Prior to Executive Committee Meeting, President, Treasurer and VP of Ways & Means, VP of Cultural Arts and VP of Room Parents met to formulate a budget for proposal at the first General Meeting which will be held at Back to School Night. Changes to budget from last year include:

Membership cost- \$5/person, \$10/family

No more Amazon Smile

Decreased incoming budget from Dolphin Night Out

Increasing incoming budget from Book Fair

Increasing Hospitality budget

Combining Community Project and Campus Improvement Budget, decreasing as a whole

Principle Fund budget will be used to purchase Safety Bags for all classrooms

Increasing Teacher Budget by \$25/teacher

Increasing Room Parent budget to encourage room parents to use funds

Principle Report: This is the when school will start from here out. Two weeks prior to Labor Day and will go to the Friday after Memorial Day

Theme is Magic Happens Here

New Staff this year! 3 new Kindergarten teachers, 1 new 1st grade teacher, 1 new 4th grade teacher, 1 new 5th grade teacher. New music teacher, SPED teacher and school counselor.

Construction update: "Move dirt" phase will begin on April 1. Goal is to move to new school in 2025. Standard playground equipment will be used across all HCPS schools- may be able to

reuse some current playground equipment but that will be minimal. There will be community meetings and workshops to be announced soon that public and parents can attend.

Parent square- teachers will have their own page and must use it. All communication will be send using this app. App will be able to translate to and from families languages.

Rosters will be finalized Monday Aug. 14 and transportation information will be available week of Aug. 14.

If buses have seatbelts, students must use them, mandatory across HCPS

Weapons scanners will be placed in schools sometime this school year. All students and visitors will have to pass through them. Belongings don't need to be removed from backpacks. They will be placed at busloop and entrance to school.

New business:

-Audit success!

-If any changes to bylaws, they must be submitted by October 2023.

-If you have not heard from the outgoing committee chair, reach out and transition ASAP

Open positions include:

Carnival positions

Dolphin Fund

Papa Johns- Rachel Kelly- may change to Marco's or Pizza Express if they are able to offer a similar curbside pickup experience

-Tentative calendar provided and handed out-

Back to School Night Aug 30

Dolphin Fund Sept 5-15 (flyer will be handed out at Open House and Back to School Night)

Book Fair Oct 16-20

Bingo Night early December

Variety Show January *Heidi Samuelson offered to help

Reflections February

Art Night March

Pizza Night April

Spring Book Fair April

Spring Carnival April 26, rain date May 3- may separate Silent Auction from Spring Carnival

Teacher Appreciation Week May

May consider combining events- Art Night, Pizza Night, Silent Auction and/or Book Fair

Per Mrs. Bonner, please remember that any fliers going home from PTA need to be approved by Principle and office staff need 1 week to make copies

Plan events for before construction begins on April 1 if possible

Please use Jessica Smith- volunteer coordinator

-Tech Improvements- moving website and using Givebacks- will use this for events and to be able to take CC payments

Upcoming Events:

Open House- August 17- ask Carter Holt to do photo backdrop

6th graders to dress up as Dolphin- Connor Kelly, Hailey Sinsabaugh, Avery Roberts

Jessica to put together sign-up genius for volunteers

Back to School Night- August 30

Committee Updates:

-VP Cultural Arts- After School Enrichment- parent volunteers; cheap/free options; Jan 31-
March 6, Wednesdays 2:45-3:45

-VP Ways & Means- Spirit Wear live Oct 2 for 2 weeks; Bingo Night Nov 30

-VP Room Parents- QR code for Amazon wishlists on Teacher interest sheets; Increase funds for
Hospitality and reimbursements for room parents for class parties; Room Parent meeting
September

-VP Membership- consider how to invite more people to be involved, come to meetings; use of
nametags; PTA is... PTA is not...; events just to bring families together