



HGS Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

Date/Time: Wednesday February 8th 2016 at 7:00 PM

Place: HGS Multi-purpose room

Chair: Renee Samuel, PF Fundraising Coordinator

Number of Members Present: 6 members, 4 PF officers: Ilona Ezbiansky-PF Vice-President, Jennifer Wolff- Secretary, Larissa Allspaugh- PF Volunteer Coordinator and Renee Samuel- Fundraising Coordinator. Also in attendance, Maria Rozaieski-Principal.

Agenda:

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Teacher Presentation: Mina Ardestani
- Bingo Recap
- Family Fun Night
- Valentine's Day Rose Sale
- Senior Class Fundraising for Graduation
- Field Day
- Treasurer's Report
- Questions/Comments

Business:

1. Welcome and Approval of the Minutes

Renee Samuel, PF Fundraising Coordinator, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Thursday, January 12th, 2017. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

2. Teacher Presentation:

A. Mina Ardestani gave a very informative and thorough presentation on Sycamore. She demonstrated how to navigate through the site, familiarizing the members with how the system works:

- 1.) Online School Management System
- 2.) Used to keep families updated on announcements, grading, conferences, etc.
- 3.) Information on logging in

B. Mina briefly talked about Google Classroom, explaining how to log on and navigate through the settings and the site. Mina emphasized that Sycamore and Google Classroom are really just back-ups to the other forms of communication that the teachers already utilize, but she said it would be helpful for everyone to move more towards technology thereby decreasing the costs and waste associated with paper copies.

C. Jeri Hubbard briefly discussed the Home and School Connection handout, which included the following topics:

- 1.) Respect
- 2.) Keeping screen time in check
- 3.) Overcoming shyness

Jeri mentioned that DIEBELS reports are being sent home so to keep an eye out for them.

3. BINGO Recap

A. Renee Samuel gave a brief recap on the Bingo Fundraiser saying that overall it was a great success and that everyone seemed to have a wonderful time.

Financial highlights include:

- 1.) Income: \$8,125.03
- 2.) Expenses: \$825.33
- 3.) Net: \$7,272.70

4. Family Fun Night

- A. Ice-skating was held in January with about 86 people attending. The next one will be held February 10th at Laser Tag, and we are possibly looking into Snowtubing, Skyzone, or Adventurezone to be held in March.

5. Valentine's Day Rose Sale

- A. The roses were sold at the Bingo Fundraiser and are currently being sold out of the school store through Valentine's Day

6. Senior Class Fundraising for Graduation

- A. Due to the costs involved with 3 Senior class trips, some of their parents were looking for possible assistance and contribution by the Parent Forum in raising these amounts. A lengthy discussion ensued in which all sides of the situation were looked at. While everyone is supportive that the Parent Forum contributes money to go towards the Senior flowers for graduation, there was some general disagreement over what the Parent Forum involvement level should be for the class trips. Most of the PF officers and members did agree, however, that at the very least, the Parent Forum should help the Senior class organize their own fundraisers. A final decision was not reached.
- B. Box tops were mentioned as a means to access more funds. The allotment of these funds will be more thoroughly looked into.

7. Field Day

- A. This year it will be held on June 2nd, 2017. The planning has not yet begun but will be underway in the very near future. A committee will be needed, and Larissa Allspaugh volunteered during the meeting to sit on the committee.
- B. A discussion broke out over the different possibilities for future Field Days. Different ideas were mentioned:
- 1.) Possibility of holding separate field days depending on ages
 - 2.) The idea was presented to hold a family day where students and their parents would be involved

8. Treasurer's Report

- A. The following figures are the highlights from the Treasurer's Report as prepared by Susan Hynds:
- 1.) Starting Balance: \$8,183.18
 - 2.) Disbursements: \$313.55
 - 3.) Income: \$8,261.97
 - 4.) Ending Balance: \$16,131.6

9. Questions/Comments- None

