



## HGS Parent Forum Meeting Minutes

**Date/Time:** Tuesday, December 6<sup>th</sup> 2016 at 5:30 PM

**Place:** HGS Multi-purpose room

**Chair:** Kerri O'Boyle, PF President

**Number of Members Present:** 7 members, 4 PF officers: Kerri O'Boyle- President, Ilona Ezbiansky-PF Vice-President, Larissa Allspaugh- PF Volunteer Coordinator and Renee Samuel-Fundraising Coordinator. Also in attendance, Maria Rozaieski-Principal.

**Agenda:**

- Welcome
- Approval of Minutes
- Teacher Presentations: Michele Wall (Intermediate), Lauren Jacobino (Special Education)
- Title 1 Reading/Math: Jeri McNulty
- 2016 Fall Bazaar Recap
- Winter Holiday Celebration 12/10/16
- Teacher Appreciation Holiday Cookie Day 12/20/16
- Treasurer's Report
- Motion for Approval of Student Experience Requests
- Teacher Wish Lists
- Bingo Updates 1/29/17
- Questions/Comments

## **Business:**

### **1. Welcome and Approval of the Minutes**

Kerri O'Boyle, President, welcomed everyone to the meeting. She then made a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> 2016. The vote was unanimous and the minutes were approved.

### **2. Teacher Presentation**

Michele Wall (Intermediate I) made note that parents can access the School website to find information relevant to the Intermediate Classrooms. They will find pages there that describe the teacher's philosophies and how each classroom is run. There also are links to helpful resources on these pages. Lastly, Michele gave a brief overview of the Google Classroom website, which is used to post student assignments.

Lauren Jacobino was introduced as the Special Education teacher.

Jeri McNulty (Title I Reading & Math) spoke of resources she has available to help your child in school. These materials touch on individual learning style, helping with homework, being involved in your child's education and questions to ask at a parent/teacher conference.

### **3. 2016 Fall Bazaar Recap**

Kerri O'Boyle gave an update on the Fall Bazaar, which was held Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016, from 2:00 to 5:00 pm at the JCC. The event was sold out to capacity. New to the event this year, kid-friendly activities. These activities received a favorable response from our school families, but a not-so-favorable one from the vendors.

The revenue from the Bazaar totaled \$2600. Due to the continued success, a 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual will be planned for next year. The venue, however, will be reconsidered.

### **6. Winter Holiday Celebration 12/10/16**

Volunteers are needed to set up and clean up the Celebration. Donations are also still needed for the event. Request was made for all to reach to families they know for help.

## **7. Teacher Appreciation Holiday Cookie Day 12/20/16**

Each family is asked to send in a batch of cookies the morning of Tuesday December 20th. The teachers will each fill a tin of cookies. This is a well received treat.

Left overs from the event will be donated to the VA.

## **8. Treasurer's Report**

In lieu of Susan Hynds absence, Kerri O'Boyle gave the update. The beginning balance was \$5325.71. Adjustments to the balance include: Fall Bazaar, School Store, Winter Holiday Celebration and the Mobile Planetarium. This brings the balance to \$9308.64.

## **9. Motion for Approval of Student Experience Requests**

Kerri shared requests the Forum received asking to help enhance our student's school experience. For consideration: \$177 request from Maria and Amanda Conti (Uppers) for books for the Reading Club Competition. (After competition, the books will be donated to classroom libraries.); \$299 request from Sara Wintermute (Primary) for a sign language program, which can also be used by other K-3rd grade teachers; and \$625 from Steve Kurilla (Music) for an add-on Suzuki Chromatic Tone Chime set which will get K-8th grade use.

It was unanimously voted to fulfill all three requests, even though two exceeded the Request threshold.

## **10. Teacher Wish Lists**

It was suggested that while shopping for the holidays, parents consider purchasing a gift from a teacher's wish list. A link to the wish lists can be found on the School website, as well as on the Parent Forum Facebook page. We are encouraged to use Amazon Smile when making purchases on Amazon.

Stacy Nivert took this opportunity to remind all that Discovery Dollar gift cards are a great way to raise money for our school while holiday shopping. She is planning two orders this month, to ensure we have gift cards for shopping, as well as for gift giving.

## **11. Bingo 1/29/17**

Renee Samuel gave the update. She mentioned that Bingo is the biggest fundraiser of the school year. There is some disappointment that only 5 of 20 prizes have been secured so far. She is having trouble getting businesses to commit to a donation for the event.

Officers made note of the wonderful things the Parent Forum has been able to fund so far this year: \$3800 in Teacher Disbursements, \$4000 toward Intermediate level Chrome Books, family fun events like the Ice Cream Social and the Winter Holiday Celebration, contribution toward the mobil planetarium, as well as the Student Experience Requests voted on at this meeting.

It is asked that all families reach out to businesses that they frequent, and request their participation in donating a prize totaling \$150 or up. Without the great success of this Bingo event, the Parent Forum will not be in a place to help fund such experiences in the upcoming year.

## **12. Questions/Comments- None**