

Harelson PTO  
PTO minutes  
January 28, 2019. 3:00pm  
Location: Harelson Staff Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 3:05pm by PTO President, Mandy Quelland.

Attendees: Mandy Quelland, Molly DeCastro, Megan George, Lizabeth Loehr, Kelly, Payne, Leah Noreng, Lauren Fronck, Stefani Kose, Angelina Price, Meagan Cook

Staff: Jason Weaver, Angela Sieminski, Pamela Lettera

#### Introductions

Members of the board, staff and all attendees introduced themselves and staff and parents also introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary, Lizabeth Loehr, presented minutes from the October 22, 2018 meeting. PTO meeting. Mandy Quelland made the motion to approve minutes. Megan George seconded the motion. All were in favor.

#### Treasurer's Report:

The treasurers report was presented by Mandy Quelland. We will be about 4,500 ahead. The boys' event was successful. We are staying within budget and we will be monitoring the budget as we enter the Red and White dance as well the Funfest.

#### Old Business:

Boys Event: Megan George presented that the boys event was very successful and made a \$1,600 in profits. Younger boys struggled with the golfing and became frustrated at times. Parents of younger boys shared that they would probably not attend a golfing event in the future until their boys are older and better able to play golf. A request was presented for clearer information regarding the food that would be provided.

#### New Business:

#### Science Fair/Night:

February 7, 2019 is the night planned for our Science Night. In her presentation, Angela Sieminski shared that she has received a lot of help from Robyn Sewell. There is a new activity in which kids will have a punch card to go to at least five different vendors and will receive a beaker of nerds when they get their card filled. There are a lot of clubs coming to the event. Botanical Gardens, CDO preschool, and others are among the vendors. Teachers are requesting that if there could be more allocation of funds for the science night to avoid the need to get quotes from three different vendors to purchase items. Mr. Weaver further explained how this process works. The request is for an allocation for about \$200. This will can be discussed at our next budget meeting. The PTO will have a concessions stand and has signed up for the use of the Square. It is expected to arrive sometime within the next week.

#### **Girls Event: Red and White Dance**

Angelina Price presented the girls Red and White dance is going Black and White this year. The invitations are going out before the Rodeo break. The normal photographer was booked as well as the photo booth. The craft will be easier in order for the girls to take it with them when they finish. We will have the same DJ as last year. Decorations are ready to go. The registration lists are being split up in order for a more efficient sign in experience. The sign up genius will be sent out about the same time as the invitations and the RSVPs are due a week before. If girls from outside of Harelson wish to attend with their sister, cousin or friend, there are some guidelines in place. They must be of an elementary school age and will still pay for their tickets, they may attend. We have the needed volunteers.

#### **Funfest/ Silent Auction planning:**

Megan George reports that we still need a committee for the Silent Auction. So far she has been doing things herself for the most part. Mrs. Yewell volunteered to ask some corporates for donations. We are doing class baskets instead of grade baskets this year. Susie Herman is coming up with themes to present to the teachers right before spring break.

Mandy brings up that each class is responsible for a booth this year. We need more support in this area as we do not want the teachers to be at the booth the entire time. This can also get parents to be more involved. The kids can also be involved with running the events. Sponsorships information will be emailed out soon.

#### **Prospective PTO Board nominations:**

Mandy Quelland shares that Mandy Quelland and Megan George will be co-presidents. This will provide a smoother transition and hand off to a new president. Everyone is asked to spread the word that we need someone willing to step up and oversee by being part of the PTO executive board member.

#### **Principal's Message:**

Mr. Weaver shares that there is a lot going on and he will not be able to share everything going on. We just finished the NWEA MAP testing today. There are a lot of assessments in school, but this is one that is really valued and used by the teachers here.

We are in our enrollment season. This year was surprising in having lower numbers and fewer classes here at school. We have more competition from Charter schools and they are growing. We need to market ourselves differently and reach out to our community. Once we get a family here, we are usually able to keep them, so we need to be proactive about getting more kids here. This is especially critical with getting in Kindergartners. The site council meets every month or two. This council has come up with a plan and part of that plan is having a kindergarten information night. In order to make this happen, we have to advertise. A flyer has been made and they are already being distributed. Mr. Weaver took stacks of them to the preschools in the area. Mr. Weaver, the Kindergarten teachers and some parents will be at the information night to share information about Harelson. They will be able to fill out their registration and sign up for their Kindergarten assessment time. Neighborhoods will also be receiving flyers for Harelson. The goal of all of this is to increase numbers at Harelson. There will also be a sixth grade informational night as well.

Conferences are coming up on February 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Those are both early release days and conferences will be held for those that are needed.

Our district now has the Portrait of a Graduate plan for our district. Harelson is refining the idea of inquiry, student led learning, growth mindset, and the integration of technology. So far this year, we

have added 25 chrome books this year from the Amphi Foundation and the Harelson PTO. Twelve more chrome books have been approved by the PTO, and Mr. Weaver is hoping to stretch that to 15 chrome books. The teachers want to create a new committee to find and implement technology at Harelson.

There are a lot of field trips and events coming up. Several multimedia assemblies will be taking place. Harelson and Cross are partnering in this endeavor. On Thursday is the assembly and Mayor Rothchild will be here on Friday for the Spirit Assembly. Sixth, fifth, second and third grades

Teacher requests:

Ms. Phinney: 5<sup>th</sup> grade Art Around the world project needs cloth and dye was approved  
Kinder, first, third and sixth art supplies was also approved

Call to Audience

No additional items were brought up.

Meeting adjourned at 7:06pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lizabeth Loehr, Harelson PTO Secretary