

Harelson PTO
PTO minutes
August 27, 2018. 3:00pm
Location: Harelson Staff Lounge

Meeting was called to order at 2:58pm by PTO President, Mandy Quelland.

Attendees: Mandy Quelland, Molly DeCastro, Megan George, Lizabeth Loehr, Stephanie Neese, Kelly, Payne, Emily Nuckolls, Stefani Kose, Meagan Cook, Angelina Price, Leah Noreng, Stephen Garcia

Staff: Jason Weaver, Susie Herman and Diana Sewell

Introductions

Members of the board, staff and all attendees introduced themselves and stated the grade levels of their kids attending Harelson.

Approval of Minutes: Secretary, Lizabeth Loehr, presented minutes from the May 7, 2018 PTO meeting. Mandy Quelland made the motion to approve minutes. Kelly Payne seconded the motion. All were in favor.

Treasurer's Report:

An updated budget was presented to all in attendance. Our taxes are being prepared by Addington and Sons. Teachers have been given checks to begin the year with.

New Business:

PTO Board 2018/2019 elections

Members previously voted in from May 7, 2018:

President: Mandy Quelland

Vice President: Molly DeCastro

Treasurer: Krista McEuen

Board Nominations voted in August 27, 2018:

Second Vice President: Megan George

Secretary: Lizabeth Loehr

Removed from Harelson PTO board:

Lisa DaDeppo

Kelly Payne

PTO Bylaws

Direct Giving/Paypal

It was noted that there is a way to make a direct payment on the Harelson PTO webpage. We are looking for 100% participation. There will be a party for a class in K-3 and 4-6 for highest participation. Some companies, such as Raytheon, will match the amount you give to the school. Anyone who turns in giving on or before the Ice Cream Social will have their name put in a raffle.

Ice Cream Social

Dairy Queen is providing Dilly Bars at fifty cents a piece. The owner is donating fifty staff bars and dairy free options as well. We need volunteers to set up the lights and tables, as well as serving during the event and cleaning up afterwards. Copper Creek is letting us borrow their flood lights. We have the potential to receive a donated freezer if it could be useful throughout the year.

Student Directory

We are in the process of making the Student Directory and should be out soon.

Movie Night

Movie Night this year is scheduled for September 28, 2018. The movie is still to be determined. We are selling pizza and popcorn at the event, popcorn will remain as being free.

Boys Bash

The Boys event is scheduled for November 3, 2018 from 9:00 to 11:00am at Top Golf. We are hoping this will be more favorable to all ages of boys as well as parents. There will be a Breakfast Buffet bar. There will also be games for everyone to play. Participants will be charged \$20 a person. There will be buttons and a raffle. Invitations will be going out soon. The goal is to have them sent out during conference week or the week right after fall break. There will be juice, tea and water for purchase. Once everyone is checked in they are free to Golf. There is a need for volunteers to assist with checking in participants. A request has been made for Wilbur to come in.

Teacher Favorites

During the holidays or other events, parents can reference the Teacher Favorites Binder to determine the likes of each teacher. Currently the staff binder is not up to date. There are many parents that are unaware that the binder exists. Information about the binder to be included in the newsletter for parents. Possible copies to be made for the bus drivers for parents to access.

Silent Auction/Raffle

There is a need for a chair for the Silent Auction and Raffle. There are many helpers, but we need someone to lead this.

Future Fun Run

There are other schools that have a Fun Run to raise funds for the PTO. Companies that run the event take about fifty to sixty percent of the profits, so if we intend to have this event in future years, not this year, this would be an event that will need to be ran by volunteers.

Principal's Message:

Jason thanked parents for patience with the busses regarding the times, locations and drop offs of the students. He assured parents that he will take care of it if there are any further concerns. We are in the process of hiring a night time custodian, once all the paperwork goes through the district. MAP testing has begun this week, kids usually take an hour to an hour and a half. This is a research based and norm referenced test used by students across the nation. This is a way to track growth to determine if each student is progressing as expected. These scores are used to determine the students' needs. Band and Orchestra begins this week. A few of people have stepped to take over E-club and information will be coming home soon. Odyssey of the Mind (OM) will be co-led by Shauna Thomas Robin Yewell this year. October 6th is the date set to re-seed the Forever Green. Stephanie Garcia, a first grade parent, has been researching and coordinating this process. Another parent is providing a donation toward seeding. There

will be an invite to sign up to participate and to provide the needed materials. There is an upcoming lock down drill. Notice will be sent home to parents to provide awareness that it will take place. There will also be information distributed about an evacuation process in the event of an emergency, such as a gas leak or flooding. Emergency protocols will be put together for such an event.

Call to Audience

No additional items were brought up.

Teachers' requests presented and approved:

Pam Lettera requests privacy shields \$124

Lindsey Wong requests a picnic table for her porch

Ann Caputo requests mysteryscience.com \$99 which encompasses reading, science and engineering

Second and Third grade teams request calculators for their classrooms, 54 in total- Molly DeCastro did some research and found larger solar calculators for ninety-seven cents each. They are \$3 online and \$1.50 online for battery operated calculators.

Chrome books

Chrome books are still needed for Kindergarten and first grade for the students to complete their daily Waterford sessions. The Amphi Foundation will be providing some chrome books, but more are needed. The idea was raised to make this a public discussion during the Direct Giving Campaign. The district goal is to put five laptops in every classroom in the district. This requires further research and consideration.

Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.

Respectfully submitted: Lizabeth Loehr, Harelson PTO Secretary