

Howe PTA Meeting Minutes

3-6-18

- Meeting called to order: 9:22AM
- February 2018 Minutes Approved
- 2018-2018 PTA Officer Slate Vote – Approved as stated below
 - President – Wendy liberty
 - 1st VP – Chris Cerci
 - 2nd VP – Emily weber
 - 3rd VP – Dr. Murray
 - Recording Secretary – Jamie Gaglione
 - Corresponding Secretary – Trisha Kinderman
 - Treasurer – Dennis Gorski
 - Historian – Shana Slaybaugh

PTA Officer's Reports:

- Treasurer's Report: Jamie Gaglione
 - Read-a-Thon: \$6,435.76 after expenses (20% fee to use the website)
 - Box Tops: \$414
 - Spiritwear: \$710
 - Winterfest: \$535
 - Current Balance: \$14,000+

- Upcoming expenditures: 5th Grade activities (Camp Guyasuta; Bower Hill Pool; Colonial Day); Field Day; Family Reading Night
- New Funding Requests:
 - Odyssey of the Mind \$100 needed for Division 1 team registration for State competition.
 - Sara Halaja – ASD Awareness/inclusion t-shirts; \$65 start-up fee for t-shirt printing (teachers would purchase their own shirt)
- Principals' Report: Dr. Murray
 - Thank you to those who participated in the Science Fair; there were 40 exhibits with about 60-80 kids involved; high school volunteers; Carnegie Science Center program
 - Howe's Got Talent – due to scheduling of the Committee Chair, it will be rescheduled to 4/27/18; Dr. Murray will send an e-blast.
 - 3/20/18 Districtwide safety/security presentation/Q&A; Dr. Murray will then hold a Howe specific meeting (will send a google form out to determine topics and also discuss the A.L.I.C.E. drills
 - Discussion of moving toward evening meetings for the PTA to increase attendance/convenience for parents; next meeting will look to amend the by-laws (as they current state half are to occur in morning and half in evening); homeroom coordinators to begin sending a meeting invite/reminder the week before.

President's Report: Joyce Divine

Chair Reports:

- PTA Membership: currently 281 members; Council expenses are more expensive this year; some schools went to \$12/\$25 per family this year to cover the extra; moving forward options are:
 - MySchool Anywhere with PayPal – consistency across the elementary schools
 - PTA Avenue with another payment stream – less glitzy
 - Chris Cerci, Michelle Rowland, Joyce Divine, Emily Weber will begin working on obtaining MySchool Anywhere to remain consistent

- Unfinished Business: None
- New Business:
 - Removal of Art to Remember within the budget
 - Look at redistribution of money if moving to not printing hardcopy directories moving forward.

- Announcements: None
- Meeting Adjourned: 10:08am
- Next Meeting: 5/3/18 @ 9:15am