

Howe PTA
October Meeting Minutes
10/10/18 @ 9:00 AM

Call to order: 9:19 AM

Approval of Minutes: September minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

- Ending balance is as follows:
 - FNB as of 9/30/18 is \$10,586.61
 - Paypal as of 9/30/18 is \$14.07

Exec Board

Corresponding Secretary

- Thank you note from Mrs. Lombardo for teacher luncheon
- Thank you note from the 2nd grade teachers for purchases for 2nd grade
- Thank you note from Sarah for sensory room supplies
- Thank you note for luncheon, Apple tv, and everything PTA does from Dr. Murray
- Thank you note for a super teacher appreciation week from the teachers

Treasurer's Report

- Good financial state currently
- SSF expenses still coming in, but expected to bring in around \$6,800
- Made a few purchases for school including:
 - New rug for first grade classroom to replace destroyed rug
 - Josh and Gab assemblies
 - Second grade walking tour
 - Stools for 5th grade classroom
 - Novel study materials for 5th grade
 - Clipboards for 5th grade
- Budget is being finalized and will be available on the website soon

Principal's Report from Dr. Murray

- Volunteer training is moving to Monday, Oct 15, 2018 from 1:30pm to 2:30pm
- Superintendent goals were approved by the school board
 - Anti-defamation league has a program called No Room for Hate. We will have requirements to complete to get a banner when we have completed the requirements.
 - Student Counsel is starting this month and will work with this as well
- ALICE drill on Friday, Oct 12th. E-Blast will come about this. State law that all schools must do 1 safety drill within first 90 days. **the district requires a minimum of 3 safety drills per year with students which includes Severe Weather drill, A.L.i.C.E. drill, and Shelter-in-Place drill.**
 - The police requested all schools do a full evacuation drill. Howe is working with the department to schedule this.
- Read-a-thon is coming up. No camp out but will have spooky story night Thursday, Oct 25th and morning reading Friday, Oct 26th.
- 2 partnerships with Point Park to bring in teaching assistants for the Maker Space. Duquesne University is also sending interns in a social studies methods course to work

with elementary kids. All the people have been approved with clearances and students in good standing.

President's report

- PTA Council meeting last week
 - Library has an opening for teen space. Paid position for afternoons. Contact Rachael at the Mt. Lebanon Library.
 - October 15th school board meeting to recognize the PTA presidents
 - US Marines Band will be at the HS on October 18th
 - October 24th safety meeting at the HS. Asking for \$1M for safety upgrades per the police recommendations of all the school building. Cameras, door barriers, and other building safety improvements.
 - November 13th Lebo Pride meeting for families that are looking for extra support with students with IEPs and navigation through the school system.
 - Chief Lauth reminded people to lock car doors. Over 100 break ins recently.
 - Municipality Budget will be online and meeting in November 18th.
- Wendy will meet with Dr. Irving next week. Please direct any questions that she can ask.
- Open position still:
 - Howe's Got Talent chair – PTA has paperwork and info that can assist you. Date for show is March 22nd with run through March 21st.
 - Nominating Committee – 3 members on panel to reach out to the current chairs, get a list of who is/is not returning.
 - Yearbook Chair needed
- Committee Reports still missing for a number of committees. Both Shana and Wendy are reaching out to get those completed
- PTA has insurance renewed.
- Corporate Rewards Boxtops are due this month.

Committee Report

- Trish Kindermann - Howewear is working with the Rocketwear group, who does the middle and high schools. She will be sending a link soon
- Leah Haywiser - Readathon on the 19th of this month. Kick off will be books sent to each classroom from the librarian to read. Incentives and drawings from book reviews for free things. Reading donations go through myschoolanywhere.com to pay for the minutes, along with cash and checks. Some changes, teachers reading to the class will now count. Competition between the classes this year. November 2nd will be the ceremony for medals and awards.

Old Business

- none

New Business

- Mike Divine – SSF – 5 unclaimed raffle prizes. Ran out of game prizes this year. Need to finalize a few things before can wrap up. Follow up with people giving more points than other areas. No game chair – suggest to get that. Only one person on food and suggest to have more.

Announcements

- Next meetings
 - November 7, 2018 at 7pm
 - February 6, 2019 at 7pm
 - March 13, 2019 at 9:15 am
 - May 15, 2019 at 9:15am

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00 AM