

# Howe PTA

## February Meeting Minutes

2/06/19 @ 7:00 PM

Call to Order: 7:07 PM

January meeting minutes were approved

PTA Officers Reports

Treasurer's Report – Denis Skorskiy

- Ending balance is as follows:
  - As of 1/30/19 bank balance is approximately \$5,400.00
- He foresees a deficit coming as the budget is written. The board suggested areas to make some cuts, will get more information on other areas, and will continue to review the budget to see what can be suspended and/or reduced to make the budget work out.

Vice President – Dr. Murray

- The guest teaching candidates have been approved by the board. They now need to complete the rest of their training and they should be able to start 3/1/19.
- Spelling bee 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade is completed. Grades 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> are 2/7, tomorrow night.
- Valentine's day party start time is 2:45pm on Thursday, 2/14. AM Kindergarten starts at 10:30 AM.
- Reminder 2/15, Friday is an Act 80 day. Classes end at noon.
- Science fair is 2/21. The chair, Amos Glenn, is working with a new company this year.
- The district tiered band concert is 2/27/19 at the high school.
- Mr. Hain has done a wonderful job adding to the sea mural in the stairwell hallway. Stop by to take a look.
- After the district in-service last week, one of the presentation groups gifted 3D printers for all the elementary schools for their Matt's Maker Space area. These will be distributed to all the elementary schools soon
- There will be a survey coming out within the next month on what parents hear from their kids about Matt's Maker Space. This survey is just to get an idea of what parents know about that area and help the district understand what information is out there as well as what information they would like to share.
- Saturday, 5/11, the HS will host an event on the statewide maker spaces. Discussions will include how others are doing things in their maker spaces.
- Kids raised over \$1,200 for their UNICIF fundraiser last week.
- The next Student Council fundraiser partners with the PTA for a SHIM fundraiser for their food pantry.
- Friday, 3/1, will be Fun Friday where the kids can dress as their favorite Dr. Seuss character. The classrooms will also decorate their doors. Looking for volunteers to help out with judging.

President – Wendy Liberty

- Howe's Got Talent will have the packets coming home soon. Staying with the same type of show & format. PTA will sell bottles of water and have invited the GS to sell cookies. Please contact Wendy or Nikki if you would like to volunteer.
  - Also had a question if there would be DVDs available of the show again this year. We will need to find someone to film the event and make the DVDs. We will see if we can get any volunteers to help out with this.

### Chair Reports/Recent Activities

- Trisha Kindermann – After noticing the amount of waste in homes and lunch rooms, she looked for some way to help reduce it. She found a website called MightyNest.com. You sign up & pay for a month subscription with Mighty Nest to receive one new/different reusable item per month, like reusable zip lock baggies, wool dryer balls, etc. You can quit any time. You are able to reorder items you liked. The school receives \$1 for every family that signs up and uses the program each month. Their website explains:
  - *MightyNest for Schools is an internet shopping fundraiser. It's simple because it engages your school community in healthy, mindful living first. Simply get the ball rolling by promoting the program to parents at your school, then our team will keep parents engaged throughout the year with guides, new gear, and offers. Members earn for your school every month they receive their membership box, and since many members remain with us year after year, the school earnings can continue to build.*

*Our flagship product, the MightyFix, is the most effective tool for fundraising with MightyNest. For \$10/month parents will receive one amazing product each month that helps their family live healthier and greener while earning \$1 a month for you school. The product is always worth more than \$10 retail, ships free and you get free shipping on anything else you add to your box of our over 2,000 products each month when you ship them with your MightyFix. This is prominently featured on your school page.*

### Old Business

- Discussion about what can be removed from the newsletter and what should stay.

### New Business

- Nominating Committee
  - President - Wendy Liberty
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President - Chris Cerci
  - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice 2 - Leah Haywiser
  - Recording Secretary - Amy Grella
  - Corresponding Secretary - Melissa Jones
  - Treasurer – Denis Skorskiy
  - Historian – Joyce Divine
- Need to double check that each position still has their binders with rules, by laws, position job definition and requirements, and other related paperwork. These need to be handed down to the new people taking over that position.
- Historian needs to follow up with getting the Year End Completion reports from the chairs whose events have completed.
- There is a new Daisy kindergarten troop starting this year. Please contact Heather Hathy at [Hhathy@gmail.com](mailto:Hhathy@gmail.com) for more information.
- Volunteer safety train will start shortly in room 105 for parent volunteers by Dr. Murray. Training should last approximately 45 minutes.

### Announcements

- Next meeting 3/13/19

Meeting Adjourned: 7:37 PM