

Howe PTA
November Meeting Minutes
November 18th 9:15AM

Call to order: 9:21 AM

Approval of Minutes: October minutes approved

Treasurer's Report

Ending balance is as follows:

- As of 9/30/15 \$22,686.44
- As of 10/30/15 \$20,124.24

Carryover is all spent. We are working on the actual budget now.

Correspondence:

Thank you notes

Exec Board/Principal's Report from Dr. Murray:

- A big thanks you to Heather Chew for the book fair.
- Veterans Day: Dr. Murray would like to make this an annual event.
 - Due to the success and high attendance rate at this year's event, Dr. Murray is asking for recommendations on a new venue that would accommodate more veterans and their families.
 - Jen Larence suggested having the reception before and invite the families of the veterans.
- Dan Walsh (head custodian) is having back problems and will be out for a while. Kids are making cards for Mr. Walsh.

Teacher Representative:

Committee Reports:

- Book Fair was Nov. 11th/12th. There were monetary discrepancies that occurred, but did not affect the overall book fair balance.
 - Heather donated her webinar/book shop money back to the book fair.
 - \$9,600 was raised this year compared to \$8,400 last year.
 - 5% bonuses are applied this year. Rebecca Church will help out next year as a co-chair.
 - Scholastic dollars cannot be used at the warehouse.
 - A deadline should be set for teachers to use the scholastic dollars in December.
 - Teacher preview was also a success.
 - Dr. Murray suggested reaching out to parents to participate in wish list bins.

- Lunch clubs: Joyce Divine. Joyce wants sign up included in PTA newsletter. Shoeboxes and caps needed for dioramas.

- Read-A-thon: Jen Larence and Carla Clipper. Students read 52 minutes more this year, compared to last.
 - Mr. K's class read the most minutes.
 - Carla and Jen are meeting with the other schools soon.
 - Heather Chew suggested you've been caught reading tickets.
 - Profit this year was approx. \$5,000.
 - Next year's theme will probably be the Olympics. The chairs will tie that in to the Read-a-Thon next year.
 - Heather will make more pencil toppers next year.

- Art to Remember: We do have to pay taxes on the products. Nikki has to pay Etides taxes in Feb. We will make a \$1,200 profit and taxes will come out of the total profit.

- Stephanie is waiting to hear about the kindergarten playground proposal. It will go through Nikki and she will pay out money to Dr. Murray.

- Recycling bins are in the cafeteria, but kids can't see them and end up throwing stuff away. It was suggested that the Green Team be responsible for decorating the recycle bins to make them more noticeable.

- Environmental Committee: Wants to increase their budget from the \$50. It was suggested the Green Team combine with the Environmental Committee.

New Business:

- Nominating Committee: Diane DeCarlucci, Jen Larence, Amy McFarland. Board needs to be in place at Feb. meeting. New board voted on at March meeting.
- Mrs. Ryan requested a shelving unit for \$250. Heather suggested we use the Scholastic money to pay for the shelving unit.

Next PTA meeting: Feb. 10, 2016

Meeting Adjourned: 10:14 AM