



Hermantown Parent Teacher Organization

HermantownPTO.org

Tuesday, January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2020

6:00pm: Google Meet Virtual Meeting

### Meeting Minutes

1. Welcome and Introductions: Cyndi Frick, Jaime Wentzel, Trista Swanson, Jennifer Reed, Tonya Gajeski, Julie Lenz, Gretchen Applewick, Jennifer Borich
2. Principal Updates: Gretchen Applewick: Updated attendees on the food service changes with adding take-home breakfast through the rest of the year. Food service is continuing to send lunches home and provide free hot lunch when kids are in class for hybrid learning.
3. Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Trista Swanson: Donation of \$1000 from Vangaard Charity on behalf of Kevin and Julie Boren. Paid out to grades as they used allocated funds. Went over by \$100 for Tech, but was approved by the board due to Tech never having used funds from PTO in years past. Jaime asked about Kindness Retreat and it is still being decided. Kindergarten Round-up is still also up in the air. Anti-bully event is also tentative as they are looking for options to engage students. These budgeted items may be used this year, but nothing has been officially decided.
4. Funding Requests: Treasurer Trista Swanson: All approved spending \$50 for All-Night Grad Party.
5. Hungry Hawks Updates: Chair Chad Roberg: Chad did not attend meeting. Trista will ask him about the pending DQ check, as well as the next Hungry Hawks event.
6. Book Fair: Lisa Ball: Lisa did not attend, but Jen Borich will reach out to clarify if the in-person event in February can still go on.
7. Ed Challenge: Jennifer Reed is heading this and will work with Trista to sort out the details. Pending March 8 start date to have 2-3 solid weeks before Spring Break. Talked about changing "Ed Challenge" format to be more of a grade effort without math problems in order to simplify to a flat donation to the PTO. Jennifer Borich 1<sup>st</sup> approved
8. Ideas/Suggestions?
  - a. Next Year Christmas Ideas: Put these ideas into Dropbox for reference next fall: Discussed Great Lakes Elementary PTA's "Holiday Splash Store" where students earn tickets for good behavior and use the tickets to buy donated items. Request to add this idea to the September agenda to see if we could get parent volunteers to work the store during a week in December. If we cannot get enough volunteers, then we won't be able to do this.
  - b. Esko School's "Movie Night" baskets for teacher appreciation: Difficult to do with 100 people at the elementary school. We do not have the budget for it. Discussion about doing only breakfast during Teacher Appreciation Week. Also floated the idea of having a sign-up genius to "sponsor" an activity, i.e. pizza

party, bouncy house, caricatures, dunk tank, etc. Nothing decided in stone as of yet.

9. Adjourn: 1<sup>st</sup> Cyndi Frick, 2<sup>nd</sup> Jaime Wentzel