



Hermantown Parent Teacher Organization

Tuesday, September 29, 2020

6:00PM Google Meet (online)

Agenda

1. Welcome and Introductions
2. Cyndi Frick, Jaime Wentzel, Melissa Kaneski, Trista Swanson, Chad Roberg, Ashley McFarland, Jennifer Reed, Tonya Gajeski, Angela Fellman, Getchen Applewick (connection issues), Julie Lenz (connection issues)
3. Treasurer's Report: Trista Swanson
 - a. Reupped website fees for 5 years. Income came in from AmazonSmile, aluminum cans, \$55 private party donation.
 - b. Jaime motioned to approved budget, 2nd from Cyndi. All board members approve.
 - c. Funding Requests: none at this time.
4. Principal Updates: Conferences have been changed to December 9th and 10th, picture days being held October 7th and 8th, going to start a monthly newsletter going out to parents, recent technology survey results were discussed a bit as well. The consensus was that there is no consensus on amount of work and it is per child/living situation/teacher/grade level. Gretchen encouraged dialogue between parents and their teachers if there is too much work, too little work, etc.
5. Conferences
 - a. Logistics: Conferences moved to December 9th and 10th. No childcare needed, all conferences will be in virtual format. We are exploring what we can do to provide a meal for teachers during this time.
 - b. Book Fair: October 8th virtual book fair. Link will be sent home with kids.
6. Hungry Hawks: Chair Chad Roberg
 - a. September 28th at Pike Lake Dairy Queen – Recap: \$132.86 earned. Less than last year. Best practice for future events: Sue Kyllonen to send flyer on Peachjar, print flyers and give to all students to bring home a week prior, post on Hermantown PTO website and Hermantown PTO Facebook page, post on Hermantown Elementary Parents Facebook group.
 - b. October date: Mexican Maya
 - c. Second Harvest Food Bank Backpack Program: Are they still doing this or are we self-funding? Second Harvest is not doing the backpack program now. Hoping to have the program restart soon.
7. Box Tops Updates: Chair Tonya Gayeski
 - a. Contest: no contest this year. Hardcopy box tops will be accepted until October 16th. After that date, all box tops must be submitted digitally with the new "Scan" process.

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- b. Where to turn in hardcopy box tops: teachers will place in PTO mailbox in the office.
- 8. Educational Challenge: Chairs Melissa Kaneski and Trista Swanson
 - a. Announcement regarding postponement: Gretchell still needs to do this.
- 9. Shopper's Day
 - a. Keep Shopper's Day this year or announce cancellation: Cancelling this year.
- 10. Hawkwear Updates: Chair Jaime Wentzel: Sold over \$900 posting to Facebook updates. Will also be posting to Hermantown Elementary Parents Facebook group to sell more Hawkwear.
- 11. Suggestions/Ideas?
 - a.
- 12. Next Meeting October 27th, 2020
 - a. Google Meet / in-person/ both:all voted to be in-person with a live stream via Google Meet. Jen Borich will bring computer to live stream. Meeting will be held in the library.
- 13. Adjourn: 1st by Cyndi Frick, 2nd Jaime Wentzel