

Harry S. Truman PTO
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PTO MEETING – Monday, May 6, 2019

Meeting called to order by: President Jennifer Kelley at 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Officers: All officers present

Attendance: 9 in attendance

Minutes: The minutes of April meeting were accepted by Joanmarie Blunt and Jennifer Gnall

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: Given by Jennifer Knecht

- Current account balance \$11,741.50
- Deposit from vendor fair \$992

Principal's Report: Given by Zachary Brem

- On Tuesday, May 7th Grade 4 will enjoy a field trip to the Wildlands Conservancy, and on Thursday, May 9th they will also visit the Cedar Crest College Hydromania. Thank you to the PTO for sponsoring these events!
- The HST staff is looking forward to the fantastic lunch provided by the PTO tomorrow! It's always a wonderful time and truly appreciated.
- Students will hopefully get to enjoy the nice weather when they have their upcoming field days. Kindergarten through 2nd grade will have their Field Day on Wednesday, May 8th. If it does rain, they will move their Field Day to Tuesday, May 14th. Grades 3 through 5, Field Day is scheduled for Wednesday, May 15th, with a rain date of Tuesday May, 21st.
- T-Shirt day is Thursday, May 9th, and Thursday, May 23rd. Falcon proud day is Friday, May 10th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!
- HST will have an early dismissal on Friday, May 10th. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.
- There will be not school for students on Friday, May 24th. School will be closed on Monday, May 27th to observe Memorial Day. Have a fun weekend with your family!

Teacher's Report: Given by Beth Neitz

- Kindergarten: We recently went on our field trip to the Crayola Factory. It was kindergarten's first year attending this trip and it was a blast! We learned how crayons

were made and were able to build, play and create! Thank you so much for the opportunity! Thank you also for providing snacks for the PJ and Movie Day. We are excited about tomorrow's luncheon. We appreciate all the time, money and effort that goes into making such an outstanding buffet!

- 1st: We are very excited for our last field trip of the year to the Lehigh Valley Zoo on May 15th. Thank you for all of your support this year with sending us on 3 field trips! We have enjoyed all of them: Lost River Caverns, A play at DeSales University and the upcoming one to the zoo. The students have been also donating towards the Ice Cream Festival Basket! First Grade has sent in a lot donations...they are very excited for this event! A big thank you also for the prizes during PSSA Testing. The teachers and students were excited to receive prizes! We are always very thankful for all of your help and support! You are APPRECIATED!
- 2nd: Students enjoyed going to the Davinci Center. The students enjoyed interacting with science and listening to a show in the live theatre. Thank you for helping to fund this field trip.
- 3rd:
- 4th: The 4th grade students have a busy week. Monday, popcorn water and a movie! Thank you for supplying the water and the cups! Tuesday we are going to the Wildlands. They are excited to learn about the nature around them. Thursday we are going to Hydromania at Cedar Crest College. It is always a lot of fun learning about the water cycle, wetlands and how water gets into our homes. Thank you for helping to fund both of those trips. The students are looking forward to the ice-cream festival. Thank you for organizing the festival, the kids LOVE it! Thank you for everything you do at HST, we appreciate it!
- 5th: On Thursday, the Weller Center will present to our 5th grade students regarding The beginning of life talk. Additionally, they are able to provide our school, at no cost, an additional program entitled, "Relationships 101." The objectives are to explore respect, healthy communication skills, values and boundaries, as well as practice healthy ways to handle conflicts designed for 5th graders. This will be on Monday, May 20th.

Students will also be visiting the middle school on May 20th. Thank you for funding our Philadelphia Zoo trip. The students are eagerly awaiting to attend it on Tuesday, 5/28.

- Specialists/Other: Thank you for supplying us with the popcorn, cups, and water for PJ & a Movie Day as well as the prizes for the PSSA raffles. They were definitely appreciated.
- June 7th will be picnic day. Are you still able to provide us with a DJ? Is there a particular one you like to use?
- Thank you for allowing our Cops 'N' Kids ambassadors to present to you. They were excited about doing so.

- A team of 5th graders will represent HST at this year's STEM Design Challenge on 5/7 at CLIU-21. We are also sending a team to CLIU-21 On 5/13 to compete in the Math 24 Competition.

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events:

Perkins Pies: given by Nicoll Spinner

- Sold 230 pies
- Profit earned \$460.00

Vendor Fair: given by Jennifer Knecht and Jennifer Kelley

- Earned \$992.00
- Overall a good event. We look forward to doing it again the fall/winter

Ice Cream Festival: given by Jennifer Kelley, Nicoll Spinner, Jennifer Gnall and Jennifer Knecht

- Committee meeting held
- Salisbury Falcon will be there
- Mission BBQ will provide coupons
- Middle school band will play
- Cake walk
- Reached out to Air Products to do a Lin Demo. Waiting on a reply

Color Run: given by Jennifer Kelley

- 5/17 ½ mile run followed by a spring fling
- We need volunteers

Dine and Donate: given by Joanmarie Blunt and Jennifer Knecht

- Perkins (still waiting on check), Joanmarie Blunt will reach out to them
- \$150 Taps
- \$70 Queen City
- Trying Crust and/or Magia's for May/June

Staff Appreciation Lunch: given by Jennifer Kelley

- Lots of great food and desserts coming made by our Truman Families

Yearbook: given by Jennifer Kelley

- 89 yearbooks sold to date

Old Business

No old business

New Business

ICF tickets

- Mr. Brem asked if PTO would be willing to donate ICF tickets for the Falcon proud Prize

PTO Meeting attendance

- Ideas on improving the attendance of meetings
- More laid back first meeting

- PTO board to attend kindergarten open house
- Back to School night PTO talk/ add slide to Mr. Brem presentation

Board elections

- Vice president and Treasurer are up for re-elections
- Jennifer Knecht to be re-elected as Treasurer if no other candidate wishes to be elected
- Jennifer Gnall to be re-elected as Vice President if no other candidate wishes to be elected

Review Activity Calendar: Given by Jennifer Kelley

5/7- Knex stem competition; 5/8 Field Day K-2, District wide art show, school board meeting; 5/9 T-shirt day, chorus practice, Free educational session on social media; 5/10 Math 24 Challenge, Early Dismissal; 5/13 Math 24 Competition; 5/14 Field day 3-5, Leader in Me Family Night; 5/16 Chorus; 5/17 WSE and HST Color Run, 5/20 Coffee and Conversation

Next meeting is 6/7/2019 at 7 PM in the staff lounge

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Minutes compiled by Nicoll Spinner, Secretary