

Harry S. Truman PTO
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PTO MEETING – Monday, November 5th, 2018

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

Roll Call of Officers: All officers present

Attendance: 15 in attendance

Minutes: The minutes of October 1st, 2018 meeting were accepted by C.Lakics and 2nd by M. Martucci

Officers' Reports:

Treasurer: given by Jennifer Knecht

Current account balance is \$15,000. Kid Stuff and Save Around Books are still wrapping up, we don't have a final number on this fundraiser. Scrip Gift Card Sales were \$14,200, our percentage was \$779. We used this to supplement the purchase of the holiday gift cards for teachers and staff. Dan Shantz Gift Cards resulted in a \$500 profit.

Principal's Report: Given by Zachary Brem

- On Tuesday October 23rd, Kindergarten experienced a wonderful and educational trip to Seiples Farms. Students had a great day learning and enjoyed picking out their own pumpkins. Thank you to the PTO for their continued support in funding this fun event.
- SFE our Child Nutrition Department will be offering Thanksgiving lunch at HST on Friday November 9th. Family members are invited to attend with their student at their scheduled lunch time. If parents/guardians are not able to attend, a grandparent, aunt, or uncle may attend in their place. We look forward to seeing everyone there.
- Harry S. Truman will be honoring family members who have served or are currently serving in the United States Military. This event will take place on Veterans Day, Monday, November 12, at 1:30 pm. A roll call will be held with veterans' names. Our students will have special songs and presentations, and at the conclusion of the assembly, we will be serving cake and coffee to veterans in attendance.
- T-Shirt day is Thursday November 08th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!
- School will be closed on Thursday November 22nd, Friday November 23rd, and Monday November 26th, for Thanksgiving Break. HST will have early dismissals on Thursday November 15th, Friday November 16th, Monday November 19th, and Tuesday November 20th, for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Students will be dismissed at 1:00pm.

Teacher's Report: Given by Melissa Cerco

- Kindergarten: Had a fantastic trip to Seiple's Farm! Saw animals, played in corn, went through a maze, learned about corn harvesting, and took home a pumpkin! We are excited to be performing 4 songs for the veterans.
- 1st: Nothing to report
- 2nd: Nothing to report
- 3rd: We enjoyed our Halloween Parade and classroom parties. We are busy preparing for Veterans Day and we are also beginning to prepare for a special Leadership Event that third grade will be hosting in December. Keep an eye out for more information that will be shared with parents shortly.
- 4th: Our students have a busy few weeks coming up. We're very excited to be going to Harrisburg next week. But before that, we're busy preparing to honor our Veterans on Leadership Day and looking forward to a trip to Miller Symphony Hall.
- 5th: Students are loving their new headphones. Thank you for helping with the cost of them. 5th grade students are working on researching Veterans Day and will be creating a Veterans Day children's book to thank our veterans for our Leadership Day on 11/12. They are going to Symphony Hall Wednesday for an instrumental experience and Lehigh University on 11/13 from 9:15-2 for a leadership/basketball game.
- Specialists/Other: Would the PTO want Mrs. Becker to come in and speak about pertussis or another topic?
- Students had a great time shopping in the Treasure Room last Thursday. Students could purchase items, raffles, and/or activities. The activities will be held Thursday with Mrs. Young. Some of the activities include Mystery Reader, soccer, basketball, wii time, tech time, bingo, and drawing time. There will be two more opportunities for students to shop throughout the year.

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events:

(name of speaker, summary of business discussed)

Kid Stuff and Save Around Books: given by Jennifer Knecht

- Kid Stuff and Save Around Books are wrapping up
- Our Profit is way down from last year.

Scrip Gift Cards: given by Jennifer Knecht

- Gift cards are down from last year
- Looking into possibly running this sale again
- Exploring setting up credit card orders using our square account or PayPal.

Restaurant Night: given by Joanmarie Blunt

- Joanmarie has called numerous restaurants for example Texas Roadhouse, Copperhead, Big Woody's (Dine in only)
- Percentage of sales range from 10% to 15%.
- We selected two nights so far. Big Woody's on 11/27 and Copperhead on 12/18

Holiday Shoppe: given by Jennifer Kelley

- Shop will run from 11/27 till 11/30. Evening shop will take place on 11/29, credit cards will be accepted at the evening shop.
- There is a need for volunteers for the Holiday Shoppe. Please us the sign-up genius if you can help.
- Brainstorming the ability for the students to purchase "gift cards" for the teachers.

Candy Canes: given by Melissa Cerco

- Candy Canes still on for this each child will get a candy cane from the PTO

Old Business

(key information and motions voted on)

Drama Club: Mr. Brem met with Holly Groome to discuss starting a Drama Club. Mr Brem would like this to be a PTO sponsored club, geared to 4th and 5th grade students. This club would allow a max of 15 students to create, budget, produce and put on a play for the student body and parents. If approved the club would meet on Monday's from 3:30-5:00 PM and estimated cost would be \$400.00. Some discussion is still need, we will get back to Holly with a firm answer ASAP.

New Business

(key information and motions voted on)

No New Business

Review Activity Calendar: given by Jennifer Kelley

11/6- No School, Professional Development Day, 11/8- Chorus rehearsal 3:15-4:00 PM, 11/9- Thanksgiving Lunch, 11/12- Veterans Day and Leadership assembly 1:15-3:00 PM, 11/12- Sign up genius closes for conferences, 11/14- School Board Meeting 7:00 PM, 11/15, 11/16, 11/19 11/20- Early Dismissal 1:00 PM and Parent/Teacher Conferences, 11/17- Chorus at Christkindlmarkt, 11/21- Early Dismissal 1:00 PM, 11/22, 11/23 and 11/26- No School, Thanksgiving Holiday, 11/27-11/30 Holiday Shoppe, 11/29- Evening Holiday shop, 11/29 Chorus rehearsal 3:15-4:00 Pm

Next meeting is 12/3/2018 at 7 PM in the staff lounge

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Minutes compiled by Nicoll Spinner, Secretary