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PTO MEETING – Monday, May 7, 2018

Call to Order by Board President: 7:00 PM

Roll Call of Officers:

Approval of Meeting Minutes: Lori Young Approved the April Minutes, 2ND by Kristy Cressman

Treasurer's Report: Ending balance is \$11388.91

Principal's Report:

On Thursday, April 19th 2nd grade enjoyed a field trip to the Da Vinci Science center. The Da Vinci Science Center is a national award-winning nonprofit organization that has brought science to life and lives to science since 1992. Thank you PTO for sponsoring this event!

Grades 3 through 5 completed the PSSA testing. Everyone worked hard to test well. Raffles were held each day for 2 students from each testing class and a staff member as a reward for their efforts. A grand prize drawing was held at the end rewarding 3 students from each testing grade and 3 staff members. Thank you to the PTO for their generous donations. The students and staff loved the prizes!

Kindergarten invitation to lunch occurred on Monday April, 30th. Family members were invited to share a school lunch experience with the students. Everyone had a great time!

Today was the first day students and staff launched our new dismissal procedure. All of our procedures are related to a district-wide emphasis on the safety and security of our children. All went well and we are confident that this will be a success.

T-shirt days are Thursday, May 10th and Thursday, May 24th. Please have your students wear their HST gear!

HST will have an early dismissal on Friday May 11th, students will be dismissed at 1:00pm. There is no school for students on Friday May 25th. School will be closed on Monday May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

On Tuesday, May 29th the ESL students will enjoy a culture celebration with their parents and family members. Teachers, students, and parents will share a variety of ethnic cuisine from around the world and play games from different countries.

As we all know, the HST annual Ice Cream Festival is on Saturday, June 2nd. We appreciate all that PTO does and the hard work that is put into this event! Everyone is looking forward to gathering with friends & family, this is always scoops of fun!!

Teacher's Report:

Kindergarten: The students really loved the zoo trip and are still talking about what they learned from the life cycle presentation. Additionally they enjoyed the movie today/the snacks that went along with it! Thank you!

1st: First Graders had a WONDERFUL trip to the Lehigh Valley Zoo. They are looking forward to our next field trip to see the play "Beauty and the Beast." Thank you PTO!!

2nd: The students are looking forward to seeing "Beauty and the Beast." Thank you PTO!

3rd: Thank you for allowing third grade to go to Imaga-Nation as a field trip. The children were very excited to learn about the different jobs in a community. Their favorite part, by far, was dressing up as different members in the community. All children enjoyed the ice cream that was made on our field trip. It was a special treat at the end of the day. A huge thank you for the water for the movie.

4th: Thank you for donating the water and the cups for the movie. We are sad about missing the Harrisburg trip, but excited about the Davinci center. Thank you for funding the trip! Mrs. Young's class is excited about partnering up with some students at SHS. They are coming over and doing a poetry lesson with her class. In a few weeks Mrs. O'Dor's class will be partnering with Nancy Spadt from the Admin. Building for a Kindness Rocks Project.

5th: The month of May is packed with various activities and field trips. Last Thursday, 5th grade students were fortunate to have the Outreach Program, "Life Begins" presented by the Weller Center. Although a sensitive topic, students learned life-long information. A girls-only follow-up will be with Mrs. Becker entitled, "Girl Talk," scheduled on May 8th. The fifth grade will also be traveling to SMS for an excellent welcoming program and tour presented by SMS students and staff on May 21st. Also, a great big advanced thank-you to the PTO for funding our upcoming Philadelphia Zoo field trip. Students, chaperones, teachers, and support staff look forward to this trip each year scheduled on May 30th. In the classroom, fifth graders are currently working on writing a biography book about their partner entitled, "Me Book." This is an enjoyable project for many of the students that should be considered a keepsake item. This special book will be sent home sometime in June.

Specialists: The 4th and 5th grade chorus and the 3rd grade recorder concert will be held on Thursday, May 17 at 9:30 am. All parents and guardians are invited to attend, and to stay to hear from all students involved in the concert.

Other: The 5th grade learning support students are going to the middle school tomorrow from 9-11:30 as a transition experience to prepare them for 6th grade. They will be going again later in the month with the other 5th grade students as well.

Thank you for supplying the popcorn, cups, and water for our PJ & a movie day. The kids truly enjoy this. Jen, thank you so much for running out and getting the cups and water.

Thank you for again budgeting for purchasing headphones. Miss Westfall found ones that seem like they would be a good fit for all of our students. Mr. Brem has the information regarding them.

Thank you for supplying the raffle baskets for the teachers during PSSA! They were very much appreciated. Who doesn't love to win something?!

Gifted students are planning a gifted showcase for early June.

End of year events:

Last Treasure room shopping day is May 29th and the activities are May 31st.

Walk a thon is June 1st.

Dress rehearsal for the talent show is June 1st. (for students only)

Talent Show is June 4th and 5th.

June 6th rain date for the walk a thon.

June 8th Picnic Day

Committee Reports/Fundraisers/Events-

Staff Appreciation: Wed., May 9th, all is in order and we are ready to appreciate our H.S.T. teachers & staff

Yearbooks: Sarah Takacs has everything in order and will continue handling yearbook

5th Grade Shirts: Lisa Crocus approved the count & design was approved

Flower Sale: Pickup is Wednesday May 9th, 5:30-7 PM; fundraiser wasn't as high selling as other years.

Color Run: We have about \$1,945.00 raised, take home is about 50% approximately.

Festival after the run, food and a 5th grade blast as a send off.

Ice Cream Festival: everything is going to plan, we are ahead of schedule & the sign up genius has gone out and with a great response from volunteers

Movie: we are holding off for now and looking into having a movie night to the beginning of the new school year

OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: 2018/2019 President & Secretary: voting for Board Positions

Secretary: Nicoll Spinner; President: Jen Kelley will remain

Voting open to accept these nominations: All agreed for Nicoll Spinner as Secretary and Jen Kelley remaining as president, all agreed.

NEW BUSINESS: *Discussion Concerning Public Education Advocacy & Our Budget with Dr. Ziegenfus

ALSO – GIANT A+ REWARDS PROGRAM CAME IN AND STATED THAT HARRY S TRUMAN WILL BE RECEIVING A CHECK ON OR AROUND JUNE 1ST \$1,185.34 FROM ALL THOSE BONUS CARD BUYS, THANK YOU PARENTS & SUPPORTERS.

OLD BUSINESS: HEADPHONES: the current ones – ear buds – are not the best quality, not long lasting, so we are reaching out to get an over the ear headphones, over the ear headphones, on amazon, well reviewed: 200 pack comes to about 2.00 or so per headphone, the pack for 200 is about \$395.00. For the 3rd, 4th * 5th graders since the ear buds don't fit as well for the older kids. Looking at this further and finding out the input from the kids and teachers.

Review Activity Calendar- 5/9 K-2 Field Day 1:30-3 PM, School Board Meeting @ 7:30 PM, Art Show 5 PM at SHS; 5/10 T-Shirt Day, K-2 Field Trip to Art Show at SHS 9:20-10:50 AM; 4th-5th Grade Chorus 3:15 PM; 5/11 Grade 3-5 Art Show at SHS 9:20-10:50 AM, Earle Dismissal 1 PM; 5/15 K-2 Field Day Rain Date 1:30-3 PM; 5/16 Grade 3-5 Field Day 1:30 – 3 PM; 5/17 Grade 3 recorder & Chorus Concert 9:30-10:30, 4th-5th Grade Chorus 3:15 PM; 5/18 PTO Color Run 5:30-8 PM; 5/21 Coffee & Conversation with Administration 6 PM, Curriculum & Technology Meeting 7 PM; 5/22 Rain Date for Grades 3-5 Field Day; 5/22 WSE & HST Band Concert at 7 PM; 5/23 ESL Cultural Celebration 9-2 PM; 5/24 T-shirt Day; 5/25 No School-Professional Development Day; 5/28 No School-Memorial Day

Next Meeting is June 4 at 7 PM

Respectively Submitted: Robin L. Daw, Secretary