



Hyman Fine Elementary School

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 13, 2018

Location: Hyman Fine Library

Time: 6:00PM

Meeting Called To Order By: Lynn Porto/Nicole Vassar

Officers' Reports

President's Welcome – Lynn Porto and Nicole Vassar

Presidents Lynn Porto and Nicole Vassar welcomed attendees and began with an introduction of the PTO Officers and Chairs. There are several open positions currently: Spiritwear, Holiday Shop and Newsletter. If anyone is interested in taking over or helping out with these, please let Lynn or Nicole know.

Principal's Report – Tricia Martin

New Staff: Hyman Fine is happy to welcome the following people to its staff:

Rebecca Giordano – 3rd Grade

Maura Pierce – 4th Grade

Karen Mages – School Nurse

Mrs. Sharon – Paraprofessional

Mr. Lavalee – Paraprofessional


Mrs. Barrett – Filling in for Mrs. Perches during her maternity leave

Donations: Many thanks to LaSalette for the abundant amount of school supplies donated to Hyman Fine.

Student ID's: Beginning this year, all students are required to wear identification badges at the school. These were distributed on the first day of school. As this system evolves district wide, these will eventually be used to purchase school lunches, borrow library books, scan when boarding the buses and serve as an attendance system. There is also a new process when volunteering at the school; a license will be required and volunteers will need to check in and out with Mrs. Morgan in the office.

MCAS Scores: The school is currently awaiting test scores from the previous school year; individual results will be mailed out to parents.

Absenteeism: The Department of Education is currently reviewing absenteeism and tardy rates at the school and what can be done to improve them.



Welcome Back Night: To be held on September 20th.

School Council: Elections will take place on September 20th for the School Council; there are currently 2 parent positions open. The School Council meets 5 times per year to discuss the educational process at Hyman Fine.

School Sign: The school is still in the process of getting bids for a new sign at the entrance to the school driveway. Several trees will need to be removed to make room for the sign.

Treasurer's Update – Denise Desrosiers

Treasurer Denise Desrosiers provided a quick update on PTO finances. The first PTO fundraiser of the year will be the bake sale and spirit wear for sale at the open house.

Open Discussion

Skyroc Parents Night Out: Will be held on Sunday, December 9th. The Patriots game will be showing during the event! Red Harvest will be catering the event this year. Tickets will cost \$10 and will include a beer and a raffle ticket. Any parents who would be willing to donate an item for the raffle, please let the PTO know.

Book Fair: The 1st book fair of the year begins on September 17th. All teachers were given a \$5 voucher towards the purchase of books for their classrooms, and will also have a wish list available for parents to donate books. Money raised from the book fair will be given in Scholastic dollars, allowing the school to purchase Scholastic News for all students for the school year.

Dine Outs: This year's dine outs will alternate between Briggs Corner Pizzeria, Aroogas, Hong Kong Treasures and The Barn. Stay tuned for upcoming dates.

Teacher Wish Lists: To assist the teachers and specialists in getting some of the supplies they need for their classes, a wish list has been put together allowing parents to contribute directly by purchasing items if they so wish. The list has been posted on the PTO facebook page.

Recycling Bins: Seri Batkin is looking into the feasibility of obtaining a container bin at the school where parents can donate clothes and other items to raise money for the school. Permission is needed to do this and a commitment of at least 6 schools in the district would be required.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:15PM

Minutes Compiled By: Jennifer Pouliot, Co-Secretary

Next Meeting to take place Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.