



Hyman Fine Elementary School

PTO MEETING MINUTES

Date: Thursday, September 14, 2017

Location: Hyman Fine Library

Time: 6:00PM

Meeting Called To Order By: Lynn Porto

Officers' Reports

President's Welcome – Lynn Porto and Nicole Vassar

Presidents Lynn Porto and Nicole Vassar opened the meeting with introductions of the PTO Officers and Committee Chairs, and welcomed all attendees.

Maker Space – Emily Schiller

Technology teacher Mrs. Schiller gave an update on the Maker Space and spoke about some of the ideas she would like to incorporate this year. The area was assembled last year to help engage students in hands on STEM activities. Many of the supplies were initially donated by the Hyman Fine community. This year she is looking to expand capabilities in the area, by purchasing additional supplies that would assist students to learn about coding. Since many of these tools are costly, she is looking for ways to fundraise. Some of the technology she is interested in purchasing includes: Jimu Robots, Sphero Edu, Little Bits, Code-a-pillar, Code and Go Robot Mouse and Breakout EDU. She also mentioned that there will be a 4th Grade field trip in December to Gillette Stadium's maker space, details will be forthcoming.

Principal's Report – Tricia Martin

Staffing Changes: There are several new teachers: Ms. Childs (Kindergarten), Ms. Borges (2nd Grade), Ms. St. Pierre (4th Grade); Ms. McLoughlin has looped from 3rd to 4th Grade. There is a new school psychologist, Ms. Blais, and a new School Adjustment Counselor, Mrs. Keenan. A new position has been added, PE Health, with Mr. Colantonio as the teacher. Mrs. Bedrosian has been brought back full time as a music teacher. Additionally a part time librarian will be brought in this year.

Chromebooks: 85 new Chromebooks were purchased as a result of the money raised from last year's Fun Run. All 4th grade students now have access to Chromebooks in their classes, while all other grades have a number of them available for use in class. Additionally, there are 30 Chromebooks available for use in the media center space of the library.

ST Math: Students are using ST Math - a non-language based program to help them learn problem solving skills.

School Drop Off/Pick Up: The new morning drop off spot is the same as the afternoon pick-up location - outside the doors near the gymnasium.

School Council: There are currently 2 parent openings for the Hyman Fine Student Council.

Treasurer's Update – Denise Desrosiers

Treasurer Denise Desrosiers provided an update on PTO finances. A total of \$500 was raised from last year's open house bake sale – we are hoping to have more throughout the school year. Scripps gift card orders brought in \$720 last year – these will be done monthly starting this year. The Boosterthon brought in \$13,800 last year, with all proceeds going towards the purchase of Chromebooks for the school. Stop and Shop A+ program will continue – Hyman Fine needs to re-register for the year. No checks to date have been received from Amazon Smile – an inquiry will be sent regarding this.

Committee Reports

Seri Batkin - Fundraising

Dine Outs: Dine outs will be held the 2nd Wednesday of each month (except December) at Briggs Corner Pizzeria.

Newsletter: The Hyman Fine Newsletter will be sent out at the beginning of each month.

Script Gift Cards: Script Gift Card orders will be placed each month. An online account can also be set up with some retailers offering the opportunity to download your gift card directly online the same day.

Supply Packs: Supply pack orders made a profit of approximately \$500.

Open Discussion


Welcome Back Night: Welcome Back Night will take place on Tuesday, September 26th. Spirit Wear will be available for purchase, a Bake Sale will be held along with the Scholastic Book Fair.

Adult Night Out: An adults only event will take place on Wednesday, November 8th from 6PM-9PM at Skyroc Brewery. Tickets will be available for purchase by parents and will include beer sampling, food and raffles. Stay tuned form more details.

Half Day Hat Day: Will take place on September 15th. Money raised will go towards Hurricane Harvey relief efforts.

Spiritwear: Spiritwear will be available at Open House. Additionally, order forms will be sent home with students in the near future for anyone interested in purchasing Hyman Fine shirts, hats, sweatshirts, sweatpants, water bottles and stuffed mascot hawks.

Book Fair: The fall Scholastic Book Fair will be held in school the week of September 18-22.



Picture Day: Picture day will take place on October 5th. This year's photographer will be Lifetouch and information will be sent home with students.

Box Tops: Box Tops raised \$550 last year. Students can pass them in at any time to their teachers. A trophy will be awarded to the class that brings in the most Box Tops.

Meeting Adjourned At: 7:30PM

Minutes Compiled By: Jennifer Pouliot, Co-Secretary

Next Meeting to take place Thursday, October 12, 2017