

# HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

**November 14, 2019**

Hastings Middle School PTO met on 11/4/2019 at 8:30 am in the Hastings Office

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Meghan Harder, Everett Bradley, Kim Ayers, Lolita Banks, Ana Ly, Mike Robertson, Jenny Golowin, Arlene Swanson, Kim Peterson, Andra Gillum

## **Welcome & Introductions**

President Meghan Harder called the meeting to order at 8:30

## **Principal's Report – Mike Robertson**

1. Veterans Day went well. Staff Morale is good. Staff is continuing to implement new math curriculum. 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade socials are this Friday.

## **Secretary's Report – Andra Gillum**

Minutes from October 2019 meeting submitted and approved

In the interest of transparency, PTO weekly emails will now contain a link to meeting minutes and monthly budget reports. Minutes will be posted as a "pending approval" status, and budget reports will be posted after approved.

## **Treasurer's Report – Everett Bradley & Arlene Swanson**

Budget for October 2019 was shared, discussed and approved.

\*School Supply income is considerably lower due to switch from August payment to spring pre-payment. New this year, families paid for this year's supplies during last year's budget period, though we projected to receive and book the funds this year. This is a transition year, so projected and actual income are skewed.

## **Committee Reports**

1. PTO members proposed and approved the creation of an official DEI committee under the Hastings MS PTO umbrella. The Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee is now an official part of Hastings PTO. Details of the official roles and responsibilities are still being established. Committee Chairs for 2019-20 are: Kim Petersen and Ana Ly.

**President's Report –** Meghan Harder presented Mini-Grant requests. Our budget for fall and spring mini grants is \$8,000, but could be lowered by \$2,000 due to the loss of the fall tailgate and its

revenue. PTO considered 8 proposals, and approved the following 4 proposals:

1. PTO will match (up to \$500) to purchase a new water fountain bottle filler for upstairs at HMS. Students in 7<sup>th</sup> grade Science classes will raise funds to cover the rest.
2. PTO will provide up to \$2,000 to the Tech Ed department for the purchase of 3-D printing and laser equipment.
3. PTO will provide up to \$1,000 to the Language Arts department for the purchase of new books to benefit grades 6,7,8. These new release titles will be housed in the HMS library.
4. PTO will provide up to \$1500 to the Art department for the purchase of 25 sets of Logitech crayons for use on the student iPads.

The remaining 4 proposals were tabled until spring and/or sent back for additional information.

Next PTO meeting is Tuesday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Hastings Commons.

**Meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM**

Minutes prepared and filed by: Andra Gillum, Board Secretary. This draft is pending approval at the December 2019 PTO meeting.