

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

October 13, 2020

The Hastings Middle School PTO met on 10-13-20 at 8:30 am via Zoom

MEMBERS PRESENT: Meghan Harder, Andra Gillum, Ana Ly, Arlene Swanson, Heather Petzinger, Mike Roberston, Jeff Schoenherr, Kim Peterson, Katie Wion

Welcome & Introductions

President Ana Ly called the meeting to order at 8:30 am

Parent/Member Presentations

Katie Wion presented idea of Movement in Metro Parks program to promote wellness among students and families. Hastings families will meet monthly Nov. – April in a Metro park around Columbus to walk, visit, etc. while practicing social distancing

Jeff Schoenherr introduced himself as the new Online academy/PTO liaison

Principal's Report – Mike Robertson

Hybrid model continues. Teachers working through challenge of different due dates for groups 1 and 2. Mike is looking for several parents to help on yearbook committee. Meghan Harder volunteered. Hastings still working through clubs and activities and how they are funded/supported via supplemental staff contracts. Spring musical will hopefully occur in some form. Options include pushing date to late Spring or doing an online show if licensing will allow.

Secretary's Report – Andra Gillum

Minutes for last three meetings reviewed and approved. General meeting minutes will be posted on PTO website and placed in PTO school mailbox for anyone to review.

Treasurer Report – Arlene Swanson and Heather Petzinger

Current balances - \$28k checking and \$22k in money market. Heather pointed out that \$300 was paid to accountant for 2019 tax filings.

President's Report – Ana Ly

PTO spending this year- \$1249 white boards, \$888 water bottle filling stations, \$1200 masks for teachers/staff and 200 extra to sell through spirit wear store, \$50 for custodian appreciation day. All approved. We have email addresses for 704 Hastings families to receive weekly PTO updates. Our goal is to have 2 social events this year. Will work/speak with counselors to coordinate.

Committee Reports

1. Fundraising – 70 families have paid dues. We now have 3 corporate sponsors - \$1250 raised . Election bake sale is not allowed per district. Will try spirit wear program with First Place Spirit Wear. They create, sell and ship product and provide us 10% of sales. Can continue with other vendors.
2. Family Connect – KimPeterson. Need more host families. Getting a lot of 6th grade families looking for guidance. Suggested a school sponsored Parent Panel for new and 6th grade families. Mr. Roberston will investigate.
3. Teacher Appreciation – Oct. 29th will provide lunch (Bibibop) and distribute masks from PTO

New Business – Ana Ly

PTO meetings in 2021 will continue to be on Tuesday mornings at 8:30 am. Will try to schedule an evening meeting in spring. PTO will share info for graduation banners in spring – just a suggested company and design, not a fundraiser. Reviewed corporate matching letter created by parent, Lindsay O'Connor. She will chair the initiative.

Ana presented new Healthy Hastings fundraiser will replace the No Fundraising Fundraiser as our sole fundraising program for the year. We will encourage families to walk, jog, and get outside, then post pics on social media to encourage family and student wellness. Donations/Pledges will be requested but not required for participation. Will tie to school curriculum through Social Studies and PE departments and also tie in with Metro Parks program.

Next Meeting: General PTO meeting November 10th at 8:30 am via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 AM

Minutes prepared and filed by: Andra Gillum, Board Secretary.