

HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

February 16, 2021

The Hastings Middle School PTO met on 2-16-21 at 8:30 am via Zoom.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ana Ly, Arlene Swanson, Heather Petzinger, Mike Robertson, Meghan Harder and Fatima Bachir

Welcome & Introductions

President Ana Ly called the meeting to order at 8:38 am

The Agenda was reviewed and a motion was made by Mrs. Petzinger to approved the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Harder.

The January meeting minutes were reviewed and a motion was made by Mrs. Petzinger to approve the Agenda. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Swanson.

Principal's Report – Mike Robertson

- Parent-Teachers conference is scheduled for Thursday, February 18th.
- The registration for next year at Hastings has been delayed until later this Spring. The next school year looks like it will be a typical year with the beginning of the school year starting in August. The District is weighing if Online Academy or other type of distance learning will be available.
- Virtual meeting with incoming 6th grade families went well. There will be a meeting with 7th and 8th grade families as well.
- Mr. Robertson has received questions about students transitioning to Middle School. If parents have questions about this, they would be happy to talk to families.
- District decided that the 6th grade Camp and the 7th grade Pittsburg trip will be cancelled because of safety and planning concerns. Basically, to plan for both events, the schools needs to start now to make them affordable and at this moment the logistics do not allow planning. The 8th grade Washington DC is in planning for the 2021/22 School Year.
- Hastings is preparing to transition to all students-5 days a week. They need to move and rearrange furniture as well for Art and Health classes.
- Lunch will be in classrooms. Irene Hunt from the District is checking with other School Districts to be able to provide hot lunches. All lunches are free for all Hastings students in the current school year.
- There will be a webinar for families that will be building specific to give more details before we start on March 1st.

President's Report – Ana Ly

- PTO Presidents Council met last week. Issues that will be brought up to the Presidents meeting next week are: Police officers/SRO/safety funding, Fundraising incentives for students, school supplies, guidelines for in-person events for families, DEI/Well-being and the UAEC. Other concern is whether all PTOs have their Bylaws and Policies and Procedures updated.
- Hastings will review the Bylaws and make proper updates(Website date is 2-15-2019 but according to Mrs. Harder the Bylaws were reviewed in March 2020). Hastings does not have Policies and Procedures. The PTO will use the UAHS Policies and Procedures as model to draft ours. After review, they will be posted in website.

Committee Reports

1. **Fundraising:** Mrs. Harder reported that the first Dine Out! Event went well. The Old Bag of Nails were happy with the turn out and the Hastings PTO received \$249. Our next Dine Out! Will be on February 24th from 5-9pm at Chipotle Kingsdale. After that, March 9th (Bibibop, lunch and dinner), March 23,24 & 25th (Carsonie's lunch and dinner) and April (City Barbecue). Another sponsor offered \$250 for support and we are waiting for a check. Other sponsors will be contacted.
Mrs. Bachir proposed that we ask parents for their fundraising ideas. The PTO will be sending a request via newsletter.
2. **DEI:** Mrs. Bachir reported that the Midwest Educational Therapist presentation was very well welcome. This presentation was offered to all the PTOs and schools in UA. Not many responses from them but participation at Hastings was good. Mrs. Julieann Ash has offered to do this type of presentation in the future.
3. **Online Academy:** Mr. Schoenherr reported by email that he has shared information regarding Yearbook and 8th grade video with online academy families.
4. **Wellness:** Movement at the Park in February was cancelled due to weather. Next event will take place on March 7th

Treasurer Report – Arlene Swanson and Heather Petzinger

There have been some expenses related to Cultural Arts- \$750, socks of Love- \$469 and some income from Spirit Wear. Our finances are good.

New Business

- Cultural Arts: Hastings provided 308 pieces of art and Valentines to the UA Civic Association Spread the Love Art Drive. PTO also supported the 100 Socks of Love that students prepared for Seniors living in Assisted Living housing. In total the UA Civic Association collected 2,767 pieces of Art. Last week Francisco Rojas did his first visit. Because of weather his second visit has been reschedule. An origami art project will be done next week.

- We have been forwarding information about the Yearbook and 8th grade video to families because there was some confusion. The school will be organizing the Yearbook and Jenny Golowin is in charge of the 8th grade Graduation Video.
- Hospitality – PTO and Stephanie Kula are organizing dinner for Thursday, February 18th for Parent Teacher conferences. Carsonie’s is giving a \$100 discount on pasta and ravioli with a vegetarian option. Parents are providing drinks, salad and desserts. PTO will pay \$350 to Carsonie’s for the food.
- Upper Arlington Education Coalition- After a brief discussion the decision is to not put out a statement explaining why the Hastings PTO’s website is listed in the UAEC website.

Next Meeting: PTO meeting March 8th, 2021 at 8:30 am via Zoom

Meeting Adjourned at 9:51 AM

Minutes prepared and filed by: Ana Ly, Board President.