

# HASTINGS MIDDLE SCHOOL PTO MEETING MINUTES

January 12, 2021

The Hastings Middle School PTO met on 1-12-21 at 8:30 am via Zoom.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ana Ly, Andra Gillum, Kim Ayars, Arlene Swanson, Heather Petzinger, Mike Roberston, Jeff Schoenher, Jenny Golowin, Rebecca Singer

## **Welcome & Introductions**

President Ana Ly called the meeting to order at 8:32 am

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

The first EDL Wednesday is tomorrow 1/13/21 where all hybrid students meet via Zoom. The admin. is working to clean up grading issues from last semester for both hybrid and online students. HMS DEI committee will meet next week with new district DEI Director to clarify mission and procedures for HMS DEI. Staff training modules continue. Scheduling season open next week including incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders, rising 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders, and outgoing 8<sup>th</sup> graders who will meet with UAHS. The district and schools are still planning options for 2021-2022 school year in relation to COVID-19 and safety. The goal is a return to 5 days a week for all students.

Ana Ly presented meeting agenda for today as well as meeting minutes from December 2022 PTO meeting were both reviewed and approved.

## **Treasurer Report – Arlene Swanson and Heather Petzinger**

We have raised \$870 more through Healthy Hasting and \$2,875 through Spirit Wear sales since last meeting.

## **President's Report – Ana Ly**

The third Metro Parks event was a muddy success with 18-20 walkers at the event. Hoping for more participation as it gets warmer.

Kim Ayars is a member of The UA Stand project. They are promoting mental wellness as well as drug/smoking/alcohol prevention. They are looking for new ways to promote mental wellness for our students including possible food truck sponsorships during school lunches. HMS PTO does have available funds to coordinate if/when allowed.

## **Committee Reports**

1. Cultural Arts/Frozen Fridays – We are planning virtual and socially distanced events. Kids are bored in lunch! Planned events - paper airplane making and Valentine's cards for seniors with UACA. PTO has purchased supplies or \$50. Potential events – Zoom talk with a Broadway performer, Origami folding, music with Mr. Robertson. Brainstormed idea of permanent mural

or time capsule to reflect student lives as impacted by COVID-19 and the pandemic. We would encourage students to look for positive sides of the year and the changes.

2. OA Committee – At least one Jones OA family would like to join us for the Metro Parks events. Will discuss.
  
3. Hospitality – teacher snacks are a huge hit. So far, PTO has only paid for coffee. Other items have all been parent donations. We will change our focus from snacks every day to a more reasonable weekly or occasionally. Teacher Appreciation week is in May and committee will begin to explore ideas.

#### **New Business – Ana Ly**

Looking for new leaders to fill PTO positions for next year. Ana asked for all current chairs to let her know their plans for next year, so we know what roles need filled.

Sign and banner companies have approached PTO to ask for our endorsement or promotion to graduating families this spring. We will propose a corporate sponsorship to give them placement on our website and social media. PTO will explore signs and banners for in front of school if 8<sup>th</sup> grade graduation cannot occur as usual.

Next Meeting: General PTO meeting February 8<sup>th</sup>, 2021 at 8:30 am via Zoom

**Meeting Adjourned at 10:17 AM**

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