



Minutes

Hull Parent Teachers Organization Inc.

April 11, 2024

7:00PM Jacobs School Library

Attendance: Caryn O'Connor, Carolyn Reynolds, Regan Yakubian, Heather Swimm, Kelly Cichocki, Carrie Tiani, Kim Panetta, Deborah Irby, Jill Mansfeild-Jollin, Sharon Striglio, Amy Hyde

Review and Acceptance of Minutes and Agenda: March Minutes were approved, and April Agenda was approved with additions: Bookfair, Bike to School and Teacher Appreciation Funding Request.

Treasurer's Report: The approximate balance was reported. .

Presidents Approval: None

Board Approval: \$1,000 requested by Ms. Pestone for STEAM/Arts Alive Playful Engineers//Approved.

Guest Speakers: None

Funding Requests

Schoolwide:

1. Caryn O'Connor requested up to \$600 for 3 Teacher Appreciation Baskets//Approved

Jacobs School:

2. M King requested \$895 for the 5th grade field trip to the Freedom Trail/North Church//Approved
3. C. Vittorini requested \$725 for a Kindergarten in person visit from Native American Indians

Memorial Middle School: None

High School:

4. D. Skapars requested \$300 for woodshop parts for Adirondack Chair project.//Approved

New Business:

- Voting will take place at the May PTO for the 2024/25 PTO Board. 2 year term: President & Secretary, 1 year term: Vice President and all school reps.
- STEAM/Arts Alive Night will be May 22. This is not a PTO run event, however, the PTO will be providing the ice cream. We will provide ice cream that is safe for many different diets.
- Summer Reading Bingo – TBD will ask Jessica O'Mara if she is interested in running this again this year.
- Bike to School is scheduled and Regan will reach out to Kyle asking how PTO can support. Carrie mentioned to reach out to teachers that need hours for admin license for support. This is not a PTO run event.
- Leah Picewick has stepped down as Chairperson for the Scholastic Bookfair. A new chair will be needed before June to schedule one for the 2024/25 school year.

Old Business:

- JES Read a Thon wrap up, \$22,753.55 is the final amount raised. Deborah Irby expressed not wanting to chair this next year, will need a new chairperson.
- JS Conference Dinners went smoothly.
- Restaurant Nights – tabled
- Teacher Amazon wish list have been created and updated on hullpto.org. Kelly Huxtable is PTO point person.



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Committees News:

Fundraising: Suggestion made for Hull PTO merchandise to sell at open houses.

Scholarship: 9 Applications have come in, a committee of 8 will review.

Grants: April Cycle Massachusetts Agricultural Mini Grant has been applied for

Garden: Proving Ground fundraiser airmarked for the garden is being planned. Second Grade went this week. Holly Hill to meet with school council and loop HS in to see if the garden could be started in their green house.

Member Suggestions:

Offering Teacher Grants for \$200 was discussed. Some members were not comfortable allowing the teachers to purchase technology that may or may not work with current IT systems at the school and would require support from the IT department. When we gave out this grant a few years back the main office had concerns with some equipment that was purchased. A suggestion was made to give the \$200 gift certificate instead, more members were comfortable with this option. Carolyn will investigate this and see if we can purchase them through Scripps program. Approximate cost of this to PTO will be \$22,800. A vote will be taken to approve the funds.

Discussed reminding Kyle about having room parents again.

Adjourned – Next Meeting May 9, 2024