

Wednesday, October 4, 2023  
General PTA Meeting

Call to order @ 7:06 PM by Sylvie; seconded by Jodi

Special Guest Speaker - Tim Johnson, mediator, Mediation and Conflict Resolution Center of HoCo

- IEP - partnership between HCPSS and a parent
- MCRC can come in as a neutral third party to facilitate a meeting between both parties to ensure both sides are heard

Principal's Report - Mr. Strothers

- Transportation seems to be improving
- 6th grade Hangout is picking up steam and kids are excited
- School store debuted today and kids were really excited
- Oct 31 is end of marking period; school closed Oct 9th and 20th
- French teacher situation - need to hire. Have French speaking sub for next two weeks
- Conferences week of Thanksgiving and scheduling window opens about 2 weeks earlier.  
More info coming via email
  - Monday, Nov 20 in person
  - Tuesday, Nov 21 is virtual
- Picture day later this year - November? Watch email.

President's Report - Sylvie Williams

- Welcome to our student liaisons! Kenzie Jones and Bria McMillan
- Restaurant night (Coal Fire raised ~\$200 in Sept). This month Jersey Mikes is supporting us every Friday of Oct (lunch and dinner)
  - Need volunteer to chair restaurant nights; one night a month
- Call for volunteers - Cultural Arts (in school assembly) and Heritage Night chairs needed
- New Amazon Wishlist account specific to the PTA; just an idea (items can be purchased anywhere)
  - Teacher supplies
  - Hygiene Pantry
  - School store
  - Events
- Music Polos on sale on the website for Chorus, Band, and Orchestra students

Treasurer's Report - Rachel Castranova

- No changes to budget from last month's discussion

Membership Report - Tina Ley

- Membership raffle for everyone that joined - Ellen Katz won and got two tees
- 127 members as of today

- Some members aren't getting emails from Givebacks; speak to Tina to be added
- Added 'teacher' as member type in Givebacks
- School store started today - will be open 2 Wednesdays per month
  - Most popular were little fidget cubes, bead bracelets, headphones, jibbitz for Crocs, spirit wear (need smaller sizes)
  - Requested - 0.7 lead, squish balls, bracelet kits, smaller tees, maybe more gear like stickers or lanyards
  - Signup Genius for parents to volunteer to work the school store is available; will send out via Givebacks and add all info to website
  - Reach out to HS boosters to get OMHS and LRHS stuff too (Ruth has connections) - Sarah Mugo is OMHS PTA board member (smugo@msn.com)
  - Allow students to use last year's dogbones but only through Nov and then they will no longer be accepted

6th Grade Hangout - Tracy Locke-Kitt

- 62 students registered so far; 95 6th graders last year
- Raised at least \$300 in tickets; thank you for donations of snack/drink; thank you to families who paid a ticket forward
- Any food left will be donated to 7/8th grade Hangout
- 17 volunteers, not counting the board
- Asking families to send in a copy of the registration receipt with their student and they'll get a yellow wristband
- Once student arrives, students cannot leave until doors open at 8:55 unless family comes physically into the building to get their student
- Dismissal process - doors open at 8:55 to bus circle area where chaperones where will help guide students to their rides
- Students have had opportunity to request songs in advance
- As soon as reg closes for 6th grade hangout, will take down and post info for 7/8th grade dance. Expecting larger numbers for that one

Student Report -

- Prep for One Mayfield day in December, looking for old tee shirts to turn into bags for Grassroots - Lindsay to add to website

Motion to end the meeting @ 8:00 by Sylvie

**Meeting Attendance**

In-Person Attendee		Virtual Attendee	
Name	Email	Name	Email
Sylvie Williams		Dr. Keerthna	dr.keerthna88@gmail.com

