

Hartland School - PTO Minutes
November 7th, 2022

Meeting called to order at 7:01

Attendance: Tara Nielsen, Julie Burke, Tara Nicholas, Jill Skaret, Erika Heggland, Alissa Goguen, Jennifer Dalene, Stephani Kish, Deb Costolnick, Heather Leeman

OFFICER REPORTS:

President (Julie & Tara):

1. Trunk or Treat was a success. Britta was the winner.
2. Stitches by Me was a little higher than previous years. Sue is looking into another quote. Group agreed that prices are reasonable. Julie will take on the orders. Logo was already established with Stitches by Me. Flyer will be created and added to Hartland Gazette on Facebook.
3. Movie night is up for discussion with a tentative date of February 10th 2023 with a Valentine's Day theme. Movie license to be renewed yearly by Pam. Alissa to bring up the options of Friday vs. Saturday for date (due to alarms).
4. Pie Fundraiser is coming in next week. Tara and Pam will support the pickup at the school on the 16th.
5. Book Fair was a success. PTO is looking for information on the scholastic dollars. Alissa identified that Kate Rodano could provide the details.
6. Water filter bottle recommendation from Theresa was discussed. What is the work required to get the installation? Alissa will reach out to Barkhamsted/New Hartford to expense and best practice as they have just installed them.
7. Idea for a travelling "elf." It would be a sign moving from class to class for stimulating ideas on what teachers want/need from the PTO. Will review it again at our next meeting.

Treasurer (not in attendance):

Secretary (Stephani Kish): N/A

Principal (Alissa Goguen):

1. Bus Driver appreciation breakfast was a huge success. The cards, waffle bar, and breakfast was greatly appreciated. The connection between the drivers and school was elevated. We would like to keep it going yearly on Bus Driver Appreciation Day in October.

2. Juvenile Diabetes Day – November 14th, Mrs. Burke has asked that we donate snacks for the children up to \$100.00. Voted on this support, an unanimously agreed. School will submit receipts to PTO.

Teacher Representative (Jill/ Deb):

1. Deb shared a presentation on Project Oceanology. It is a curriculum within the 6th grade science program. Covid unfortunately put this trip on hold. This year it is back for the 6, 7, & 8th grades to go on the boat trip. In addition to Project O, we have been running the salmon school project in grades 3 and 6 for the last 8 years. They release their salmon into the Farmington River in the spring illustrating the connection from what we do and how our contribution makes it all the way to the Atlantic Ocean.
 - June 23rd – All day event. Engaged in learning “hands on” Marine Science at the Long Island Sound.
 - Fees: \$ 350.00 for the Bus and the Pavilion Fee is \$50.00
 - Average cost per child is \$70.00.
 - Bus \$700.00
 - Project O - \$2,305
 - In the past we have pledged a certain amount to bring the fee per child down. Goal would be to bring the price down to a \$50.00 (42 children x \$20.00). Voted unanimously to bring all down to **\$50.00** per student.
2. Jill attended Performance Matters in Hartford. The push is how do we make the learning experience for the children more “Active.” Vertical learning is idea we are going to try to implement. Asking the PTO for contribution for reimbursement for the 4 whiteboards to try this new interactive vertical learning idea. Each board was \$105. Voted on supporting reimbursement, it was a unanimous vote to reimburse on all 4 from the PTO funds.

Parent Representative:

Miscellaneous:

1. What is the liability when someone gets hurt at a PTO sponsored event. Do we need liability insurance? Alissa will ask the superintendent for guidance.

Fundraisers:

1. Idea for Lego fun family challenge night. Lego could potentially do a donation for the event.
2. Sunday, May 7th at 1:00pm for Yard Goats game.

Meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Next Meeting: January 9th 2023 at 7:00 Hartland School

