

HOPE SCHOOL PTO

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Hope PTO Meeting Minutes
April 5, 2017
Minutes taken by: Barb Bureau

Meeting began 2:20pm, Wed, April 5, 2017

In Attendance: Diane Olthius, Tahnetta Stroh, Barbra Bureau, Sandra Barron, Jason Skaaren, Sam Brown, Kristy Peterson, Doug Hayman, Patti Truesdell, Erik Davdison, Sara Fortin

Treasurer's Report: See attached

Teacher's Report: – Patti discussed graduation (May 22) and what still needs to be done – cake, decorations, etc (Diane suggested we ask Donna DeFrance to make it, keep it local). Patti has a journal for all community members to sign for Ben. Liam is getting photos together for slide show. Projector is being “fixed” but Doug has a backup in case. Working on scholarship paperwork. Motion was made (Patti) to use no more than \$150 PTO funds for cake/decorations/gift bags. Seconded (Sandy).

Patti reported that Ben is our HS Masonic Student of the Year and Ryder is MS student of the year. Awards ceremony is in Kenai on 4/28. River is participating in “Hoby” student and will be going to leadership camp in Anchorage first week of May. Gaga pit still in works. Patti hopes to take HS boys to Anchorage soon to UAA Engineering dept to talk about blue prints. Willie will help.

Sandy reported that state testing (PEAKs) is scheduled for next week (Tues, Weds). Need healthy snacks, kids well rested. Diane will take littles outside the building. Discussion about maybe going to Whittier tunnel, Portage Wildlife Center...

Principal Report – Doug discussed how all upcoming events at the school should be partnered with PTO, like egg hunt, wagon run stuff, etc. This makes logistics easier, liability, etc. We should list in the minutes of August meeting all the events that PTO might cosponsor. It's ok if we don't have dates, or events get cancelled, just need a list of possible. A motion was made (Kristy) for PTO to sponsor the upcoming Easter Egg hunt (April 16). Seconded by Patti. Doug announced the loss of teaching position (Sandy) – (boo, we all said) and said a classified asst position (general ed aid) will open in August, in addition to the two other aids (Diane and Eugene – sp.ed.). Doug reminded us to try to keep aware of legislative stuff going on, like SB 96 which pertains to small schools and encouraged us to read news releases.

Misc –

1. Wagon Run Weekend – Barb pleaded for volunteers for this event (July 16/17) since PTO gets a big check every year from it. Last year was great as so many helped. Barb suggested the PTO /kids do or help with Pancake breakfast on 7/16, or at least be in charge of cleanup at school kitchen. Discussion about using school for this event. Doug said ok, as long as PTO sponsors it and paperwork is filled out.

Sara will fill out paperwork. Motion made (Kristy) for PTO to sponsor Wagon Trail Run weekend event(s). Seconded (Patti)

2. XC Team –we need to register with state – Doug will do this (?). If not, they can still compete but can't place. If registered though, they are then accountable, grade-wise, and must have 10 practices prior to competing and a registered coach. Discussion ensued. This would be for grades 6-12.
3. End of Year Field Trip – Sandy reported she asked the kids for ideas. Imaginarium Museum and Shock Wave or Bouncy Place (?) are best ideas. Discussion. Motion made to approve PTO funds for trip to Shock Wave and dinner (K-12). Seconded.
4. Field Day – is last day of school, May 24, at Cooper Landing
5. Tennis Court – Jason suggested converting basketball courts to Tennis court, or making it a dual purpose court, for both. Discussion about funds, grants, approval, etc.
6. Swim Lessons – Sara will look into this for next Fall, for K-7
7. Dance – Kristy reported that she wants to put on a formal dance (May 13) at the school, grades 3-12, integrated with 4H or credit. She'd like to invite other 4H clubs/schools, homeschoolers, etc from around Peninsula, Girdwood. She asked for some PTO funds for decorations and food. Discussion. Suggestion was made to have kids make decorations and have the "price of admission" be a dessert or snack. Motion made (Patti) for PTO to co/sponsor dance and allocate \$75 if necessary for this activity.
8. 4H activities – Kristy reported.

Meeting adjourned 3:25pm