



HIJH PTO MEETING MINUTES

Friday, March 3, 2017

9:30 am-10:30 am

HIJH Conference Room

Attendees: Tim Mankin, Becky Gerig, Marabeth Pereira, Paul Count, Tim Baldwin, Marie Farber, Gina Shipley

Principal Update – Tim Mankin

- Pleased with how ISTEP has gone. Testing is completed for now, but will pick up again mid-April with the online multiple choice.
- Playground
 - HSE District will give \$0 towards a playground at HIJH; they are giving Riverside \$5K, which doesn't cover much.
 - Mr. Mankin has shut down the idea of asking the PTO to donate funds as this is not SOP in the district and would be an unfair burden to place upon our parents.
 - Mr. Mankin agrees there are limited options for students who don't care for team sport activities and stated that swings and/or a horizontal climbing wall would be good ideas if funds were available.
- Panther Fest: On-site contacts will be Jeff Iagulli and Chad Guest.
- HSSF Game Day: HIJH are the WINNERS for most money donated to the cause – WOO HOO!
- Already planning for end-of-year awards and such.
- 7th Grade class selections for next year is on hold until course offerings are solidified. Options will be presented to the Board on 3/8/17.
- 6th graders going into 7th grade: Course selections are completed.
- Neighborhood Rebalance:
 - Families will get to opt to attend either FCI, FCJH, or HIJH
 - There is no end date, but interested parties do have to complete, sign, and submit a form indicating interested.
 - So far 91 have opted to go elsewhere, but that's based on the online survey, not the submitted forms.

Approval of the January meeting minutes:

- Paul Count moved to approve
- Becky Gerig second
- Unanimous approval

Staff Appreciation (Becky Gerig for Kristina Bucciarelli & Jen Watkins):

- March: Dessert Day
- April: Sharpies
- May: Staff Appreciation Week & end-of-year pizza

Winter Concessions (Becky Gerig for Denise Retzner):

- Doing well. One more tournament this weekend.

HSSF Baskets (Becky Gerig):

- Thanks to Gina Shipley & Denise Retzner! HIJH will receive a prize for their first place finish.

Dine to Donate (Becky Gerig for Frandy Laborador):

- We earned \$79 for City Barbeque

Panther Rewards (Marabeth Pereira):

- Approximately \$553 was submitted for the March 1st deadline.
- Though down from our 2015-2016 total, November of 2015 seems to have been an anomaly and this year is higher than years prior to last.
- Paul suggested "Topsicle Tuesday" which has been a successful drive at Geist where students who donate at least 10 unexpired Box Tops receive a popsicle from the cafeteria. Marabeth will pass the suggestion on to Lisa Gruber and Martha Hampel.
- Kroger Rewards: The next payout will be after the end of March.

Panther Fest (Tim Baldwin):

- Pepsi products have been purchased; waiting for Coke products to go on sale.
- Candy will be purchased through Chad.
- Security for the evening has not yet been set.
- There will be daily announcements the week of Panther Fest, leading up to Friday.
- Registration forms went home Wednesday and will be posted to the PTO website (update: they have been posted to the website and on the HIJH Facebook page).
- Tattoo machine needs to be fixed and a location needs to be finalized for tattoos.
- There will be a selfie station as well.
- Volunteers will be given wrist bands that differ in color from the students (there are some leftover from Palooza).
- Concessions will be in Panther Hall rather than the Concession stand due to number of anticipated attendees.

Treasury Report (Paul Count):

- Panther Rewards and Panther Palooza have provide a boom to our numbers.
- Panther Fest is expected to be another boom as well.
- Currently we have \$8,700 cash position this year over this time last year.

Conflict of Interest (Becky Gerig):

- Those who should sign and have not already done so need to submit them.

Nominations for 2017-2018 (Becky Gerig):

- Some positions are up in the air due to rebalancing so the board is asking for more time to finalize the slate.
- As it stands:
 - President: Becky Gerig would like to stay on, unless she is at HIJH next year and no one else is interested.
 - Vice President: Marabeth Pereira is unable to stay on due to work commitments.
 - Secretary: Cindi Berry may be at FCJH/FCI but, if still at HIJH would like to continue.
 - Treasurer: Paul Count is happy to stay on in his current position.
 - Member at Large: Jen Watkins cannot continue since her youngest is moving on to HSE next year. Marie Farber has expressed interest in this position next year.
- **New Topics:**
 - Teacher Grants:
 - Per Mr. Mankin, teachers were recently given \$70 each to spend through the district.
 - When supplies are needed, staff can request them through departmental and/or principal instructional funds.
 - If the PTO is looking to make a donation, Mr. Mankin suggested perhaps supplies for the soon-to-be Maker Space might be a good place to consider.
 - HIJH is installing visual bulletin boards (flat screen TVs) and already have three of the four they need.
 - Mr. Mankin suggested any teacher requests be submitted in spring/early summer with award/fulfillment in the fall.
 - Per Paul Count, we will have a better idea of available funds once Panther Fest and Q1 Kroger Rewards numbers are in. Paul suggests waiting until then to determine what we can allocate.
 - Paul will work on a form for teachers to fill out, which will include a deadline of Friday, September 1st.
 - May Meeting / Volunteer Luncheon:
 - Moved to May 19th at 10:30 with lunch at Chuy's to follow.
 - Donor Thanks:
 - Thanking our donors is important.
 - Thank you notes
 - Newsletter for public thank you
 - **Facebook should not list donors** by name (some prefer to keep their involvement quiet, and we should respect that).
 - School Kits:
 - Next year HIJH will offer the option of purchasing school kits with core course supplies.
 - Performing Arts Fundraisers:
 - There will be no Performing Arts Fundraisers going forward.
- **Upcoming Dates:**
 - Next PTO Meeting April 14th, 9:30 AM
 - Book Fair March 10-17th
 - Panther Fest March 24th