



HIJH PTO BOARD MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 8, 2022

11:00 AM

HIJH Conference Room

Attendees:

Amanda Abebe, Star Untersee, Sarah Hilbert, Traci Eppstein, Beth Anderson, Sarah Lewis, Mindy Henry, Gauras Zalpuri, Priyanka Zalpuri, Sarah Smalligan, Rachel Dyckman and Mr. Rent.

Welcome & Introductions - Amanda Abebe

- Welcome

School Update – Mr. Rent

- Thank you for lunch provided by PTO on the teacher in service day..
- We have several teachers/staff who have been with us that have switched roles this year.
- Lots of new staff to welcome to HIJH this year. Brandi Hauser- JH Math, Lewis Painter- 6th grade Humanities, Deb Satterfield- JH English, Makenzie Pinkerton- 6th grade Science, Elizabeth Clark- JH Art, Adrianna Escoto- JH Spanish, Madhuri Thapar- Media Center IA, Kristen Irwin- Temporary SPED IA, Ginnette Mathews- Part-time attendance Secretary, and Ingrid Goodwin- Part-time administrative assistant.
- 5/ & 6th grade are adopting new curriculum. New science standards; more process based.
- Three focuses under our measurement as HIJH staff: facilitate learning, foster agency, all student goals. Learning: become a professional learning community. Foster Agency: students coming to the front seat & taking control of their learning. All students goals: being equitable to all.
- Meet the teacher: Grades 5/6 ~Tues 8/9 530-630; Grades 7/8 ~ Mon 8/15 6:30-8. Camp Tecumseh meeting for 7th grade parent meeting follows on 8/15 at 8pm.
- **Treasurer Report ~ Sarah**
 - Presented May & June treasurers reports.
 - Presented last year treasurer report.
Traci Eppstein to approve, Sarah Lewis second, unanimous approval

Meeting Minutes presented

Beth Anderson motioned to approve, Sarah Hilbert second, unanimous approval

Committee Chair Updates

- **Dine to Donate** - Beth Anderson
 - City BBQ Aug 18
 - Panera Sept 7
- **Panther Rewards**- Beth Anderson
 - Kroger - would like to get more families signed up
 - Amazon– don't forget to keep your Amazon Smile up to Date
 - Coke Rewards - keep scanning in codes.
 - Box Tops Rewards - Scanning of box tops still ongoing (app having issues).
- **Staff Appreciation**- Amanda Abebe
 - Staff luncheon was provided for the staff for the beginning of the year on teacher in service day; mini JJ sandwiches, chips, cookies, salad.
 - Star Untersee is doing Secret Pal again. Sign ups to be a secret pal in Aug, Teachers have 2 weeks to get their Favorites List in: Assignments will go out in Sept; Reveal will be in May during staff appreciation week. (all done through Google online forms)
- **Spirit Wear** - Sarah Hilbert
 - Went with a new company; huge discount if bought up front in bulk. (one of our biggest profit margins on spirit wear ever).
 - But much less of a profit will be made from what we did not order ahead in bulk - and when we sell in the online store.
 - Bought 400 items up front and sold 376 items at Panther Preview.
 - Online store will be open through Aug 26th.
- **School Planners** - Sarah
 - This year we pre-ordered 600 for the 22-23 school year @ 3.56/planner. 185 for SPED, 65 to ENL and 350 for the PTO to sell. (We get a larger discount when all ordered at one time and early. Last year we had to order additional and they cost us significantly more; trying to avoid that this year).
 - Sold pre sales for \$8 before Panther Preview. Then \$10 at Panther Preview.
 - We up charge to help cover the cost of the ones we donate
 - All planners have been distributed.
 - We sold out all the other planners
 - **Update SPED did not need all 185. Once they figure out the exact number the rest will be sold in the bookstore for PTO.
- **Panther Tailgate** - Amanda Abebe
 - Wed Aug 24th
 - First year we will be doing an ALL SCHOOL pep-rally during school which will be held during last period SLT. All kids will get to attend.
 - Sign Ups are up to attend and to volunteer are out.
 - There will be music, Pantherman will throw out shirts & prizes, games, food, and tickets for the JR High home football game.

- Reminder: Parents either need to pick up kids at 5:15 or plan to attend the game with them. We do not supervise during the game.
- Same as always if parents want to attend the Tailgate they need to sign up to volunteer.
- **School Kits** - Amanda Abebe (for Laura)
 - We had a bad experience with the company again this year; lots of problems with getting the store up, not getting stuff in in for pick up on time, etc.
 - Laura is going to shop around for a new vendor for the 23-24 school year.

New Business

- New Budget for 22-23 proposed; per the amendments (calculations) discussed.
Beth Anderson, motion to approve. Traci Eppstein second, unanimous approval.
- Teacher Grants are able to happen this year: should have around \$20K to give out to HIJH staff. Deadline for teachers to turn in will be: Aug 31st. Mr Rent is going to send out a weekly reminder to all staff in his Friday newsletters.
- Next meeting Sept 12th, 2022 @ 11am

Meeting adjourned