

Hiteon PTC General Meeting Minutes November 6, 2019 7:00PM

Present: Kim Rivers, Rebecca Kanarek, Amy Fabian-Crump, Danielle Kolp, Aaron Sarver, Jenny Read-Emslie, Heidi Beaty, Stradivari Sibulpo, Tiffany Carlson, Laura Yarnell, Carrie Tillotson

Discussion Topics

1. Principal's Report

- Portland Business Journal – Hiteon ranked 31 on list of top 50 elementary schools in Oregon for 2020.
- Professional Development for staff – working with Ryan Avery, nationally known speaker, inspirational. Message he brought was; “We all make goals, but how do you make your goals come to fruition. Make your goals public to be accountable and have people helping you achieve your goals.”
 - i. If you can have happy/healthy teachers, you'll have happy/healthy students that thrive and strive to do better in school.
 - ii. They've developed a teacher report card. Ryan Avery will look at the data, and come up with strategies to do with the staff to improve. He's piloting this program with Hiteon.
 - iii. Striving to promote a happier and healthier workplace.
- Kindness Initiative continuing. School met the pajama day challenge. Now working on a Sports Day, and looking at doing that on the day before the Thanksgiving break.

2. Teachers' Representative – Margie True

- No report

3. Happiness Committee – Heidi Beaty

- Happiness committee is a teacher-led committee focused on how can teachers bring joy into or back into classroom?
- Committee purpose to maintain staff happiness and morale during school hours. Build deeper student relations and student achievement.
- Bonding activities in the staff room. Monthly staff events, squished within the work day, staff spirit days, Hiteon Hawks vs. Nancy Ryles Crocs Kickball in planning, dance outs after school on Fridays.

- Committee Needs and Funds Request:
 - i. Buttons – would like to have buttons for every teacher that says “Kindness Crew.” Is there a parent who could design a few different button designs?
 - ii. Staff Room – could PTC help repainting staff room to something more cheerful? From drab tan to something more cheerful?
 - iii. Play Fit Fun – Would like to have Spencer come in and do some activities with staff. Price for staff is ½ hour of \$100 per ½ of staff-wide bonding/activity.
 - iv. Staff pay money into a social committee for staff, but do not pay into the happiness committee. According to the district, what can and can’t be done, in terms of painting? Laura Yarnell and Amy Fabian-Crump interested in helping. A mural would be fun – Laura interested. Heidi will look into it with
 - v. Grants? Open to ideas – for during the school day, to keep up morale?
 - vi. This committee grew very organically.
 - vii. **Action: Board members will review request and get back to Heidi.**

4. Book Fair Outcome - Laura Yarnell

- Total sales: \$13,458.03 – blew out sales from previous years. Library is contributing \$371 Scholastic dollars to Greenway Elementary School.
- We did about 809 purchases.
- Would be nice to share this info in the Newsletter, especially about the 5% of Scholastic dollars going to Greenway.
- **Action: Carrie will write up blurb for the newsletter.**

5. Family Dance Update - Kim Rivers (reporting for Kristin Glover)

- Theme: Neon Nights, on Friday, November 15th. Need more parent volunteers – check-in, photo booth, etc.

- Had successful committee meeting, planning in process. DJ set up. Photo booth will be here. 5th Grade concessions are in place.
- Wednesday, November 13th – sign and decoration making for Family Dance, in “The Nest” – the staff room where PTC meetings happen.
- Working on a ½ sheet flyer sent home the Monday or Tuesday before.
- Will do back-to-back Green Team/Family Dance flyer.

6. Green Team: Becky Gross

- At Family Dance and other PTC events this year: will have a box that people can put plastic items in (plastic bags, plastic overlay around toiletpaper/papertowels, clean ziploc bags, bread bags, etc.) for recycling.
- ColorCycle Bins will be out: Families can bring in empty/used colored markers for recycling.
- In cafeteria will have out 4 recycling bins for water bottles/soda cans.
- Could there be an incentive for achieving a goal? Becky will put some thought into what that would look like. So far the Green Team is thinking of it more of a service, and it's part of the Green Team students desire to spread these initiatives.
- Hoping to start these initiatives with Family Dance, and growing with future events.
- Green Team students will also be presenting at an upcoming assembly about reducing plastic waste/no-waste lunches.
- Green Team could be a topic for a special parent-interest meeting in conjunction with upcoming PTC meetings.

7. Author Visit - Carrie Tillotson

- Roland Smith, local author, will be visiting Hiteon for two special assemblies on November 22nd.
- Feedback is that the book pre-order forms went out and were received successfully. 36 books were purchased, Powell's will be sending book order to the school.

- Powell's wondered if we wanted extra books for day-of book sales. We will not offer day-of book sales – too logistically difficult
- Could send out notice afterwards about parents being able to purchase books.
- Rebecca will help Carrie with delivery of signed books on day of the assemblies.

8. Upcoming events

- 11/12 Art Lit Training
- 11/12 Hearing Screening K-2nd Grade, 8am-12pm – need 3 volunteers
- 11/14 Picture Retake Day
- 11/15 Family Dance
- 11/22 Popcorn Friday
- 12/20 Winter Parties

Open Discussion/Feedback/ Suggestions

- Has a movie been picked for movie night? Possibly a Pixar movie
- Dining 4 \$ - December 17th – Pizzicato; working on getting a November date.
- Staff Favorite Things – teachers/staff in the past have gotten an email to fill out. Will post to PTC website as well.