

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes September 13, 2018

Attendance

Eleanor B.
Julie M.
Angela W. (Mrs. Wisen)
Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)
Margaret P.
Joanna O.
Amanda C.
Nicole S.
Denise L.
Kyla M.
Christina M.
Jamie A.

Principal Update

Many tasks on the go for the first weeks of school. Some administrative matters have been delayed due to the busing issues. Late school registration only resulted in minimal changes to the 5-6 grade classes.

Hot lunches through the Lunch Lady have begun. Milk forms will be sent home next week with pizza forms to follow. Pizza lunch will begin Oct. 10. Extra lunch snacks need to be replenished – Carol-Anne and Sophie will look after.

Staffing is complete for the year with the exception of a temporary librarian position. Lunch monitor positions are fully staffed for now, however we usually lose some people as the year progresses and are strained to find monitors by end of school year.

EMP Drills (Fire, hold, lockdown) have begun and will continue over next week or so.

Buses have been a challenge. A new bus was added to help with overflow which has caused stop changes. First bus arrives at school at 7:30 - prior to scheduled duty which begins at 7:40. Two buses arrive just before 8:00 am, which is when teaching begins. As duty does not begin until 7:40, children should not be dropped off at school until that time.

Teachers have inquired as to the PTA annual \$200 funding per class. PTA will review finances and confirm funds available. Mrs. LeGrow has made a special request which the PTA will consider.

PTA Dates

Recap of this year's dates for School/PTA events:

September 20	Curriculum Night – Ice Cream Social
October 25	Halloween Howl
December 3 and 4	Holiday Concerts
December 19	Holiday Bazaar (storm date: December 20)
February 8	Bingo
March 3	Skating (potential)
April 27 or May 4	Paint Nite
June 8	Spring Fling

Executive Nominations and Elections

Christina M. has advised that she will be stepping down as chair of the PTA – after several years in that position she is leaving a legacy of a guidebook and an eager core group of volunteers to her replacement. Attendees were asked to volunteer for any of the positions – Chair, Treasurer or Secretary. Joanna O. volunteered to act as Treasurer and Jamie A. volunteered to return as Secretary. There were no volunteers for Chair. If anyone has any interest in joining the PTA or even acting as Chair or co-Chair, it is a great way to be in the know and be involved in your child's school.

New Fundraising

Veggie/Harvest Boxes fundraiser will be repeated this year. Nicole has volunteered to take charge and will source the boxes from the Vegetorium. Looking at a round at Thanksgiving and one in the spring near Easter.

Other Fundraising

Indigo fundraiser will continue this year. \$5.00 from every \$25.00 gift certificate will be given to the PTA to purchase books from Indigo.

Ice Cream Social/Curriculum Night

Joanna agreed to speak on behalf of the PTA at curriculum night and to ask for additional volunteers and parents to sign up for PTA emails. Amanda volunteered to create PTA email sign-up sheets to hang in the hallways around the school. The school will provide the ice cream and the PTA will assist in handing it out.

Halloween Howl

Kyla volunteered to lead this event. We will reach out to Roberta Jones to see if she is interested in assisting with the haunted cave.

Event will be Thursday October 25th from 6:00pm to 8:00 pm. Set-up for haunted cave will be Wednesday night and decorating will be afterschool on Thursday. Teachers will be encouraged to create Halloween themed art in class for décor.

Haunted cave will be in library with dance in the gym. For music, Christina will reach out to a local DJ to see if they are interested in volunteering. Tickets will be printed 2 weeks in advance with eth cost of \$2.00 per person or \$10.00 per family. Note to be added to ticket that treat bags will only be given to children. We will ask Hannah to organize treat bags this year again – we ran out last year so would be looking to have 350 bags created. Everyone should think of any additional activities we could have in the gym to occupy the kids: spot dances, costume parade, etc.

Finance

No finance report provided as Treasurer was only just elected. The PTA agreed to move the PTA bank account under school program called school cash. PTAs have umbrella under school account and are supplied with a report by school. Policy requires principal to be signing authority.

Future PTA meeting dates:

June 7, 2018 – 6:30 in Library
October 11, 2018 – 6:30 in Library
November 8, 2018 – 6:30 in Library
December 5, 2018 – 6:30 in Library
January 17, 2019 – 6:30 in Library
February 21, 2019 – 6:30 in Library
May 2, 2019 – 6:30 in Library
June 13, 2019 – 6:30 in Library