

Holland Road PTA

Meeting Minutes November 14, 2019

Attendance

Carol-Anne (Mrs. Larade)

Krista (Mrs. Chaban)

Joanna O.

Jamie A.

Chandra

Hannah

Kyla

Cory

Tracey

Principal's Update

Lots of good feedback from Halloween Howl.

Lunch monitors still needed. We are making it work with the volunteers we have but could use more.

Gym equipment replaced through insurance claim has arrived.

Teachers are submitting their receipts for class PTA allowances. Summary of items purchased will be sent out once deadline has passed.

Finance

Halloween Howl brought in approx. \$1,600 (\$2,000 less our expenses of about \$400).

Nourish Your Roots account is at \$1,000. These funds will pay for fruit and veggies to be supplied for classrooms or breakfast program.

PTA general account is sitting at \$10,000.

Front of School Funds account is at \$4,355. It is being held in separate account for front of the school improvements.

Breakfast Program

Table of food is set out in the school at two locations and early monitors are helping out in mornings

with set up. Carol Anne is buying most of the food. We are offering cereal fruit, cheese strings, yogurt tubes and nutigrain bars. Plan to host a more elaborate breakfast once a month.

Front of the School Committee

Front of School Committee met a couple of times so far this school year and the membership is growing. Chandra has met with playground equipment supplier to determine our options. Informed that there are many restrictions with equipment; being that land has to be level and there be clearance between equipment and building. Costs to grade front area and fix drainage means we may have to consider other options for front of the school. Committee will continue to brainstorm.

Halloween Howl

Lots of good feedback on the Howl. No complaints we have heard of so far. Debrief notes:

- Bathroom monitor helped keep order – need to repeat this next year.
- Had to remind kids there was nothing behind stage – consider blocking back path. Need more volunteers here.
- Ran out of treat bags – we had made 250. Need more next year. Had lots of leftover suckers. The glo bracelets didn't sell – consider giving away at door and covering the costs. Sold everything at canteen. Consider purchasing more items - we can use for Bingo and other events if leftover
- Teachers dressed at door was great to see. Made the event more enjoyable.
- Money was combined for door and canteen. We have no count on how many attended. Taking money at the door worked well – need to keep a count next year.
- Lights on for first hour – off for second hour. Too dark if off completely. Need lights for gym for next year to add color. Consider using built in colored lights above the stage.
- Consider adding something in the hall outside haunted house to entertain kids in lineup. Think of surgery cart moving along line-up with gross body parts and doctor pushing the cart.
- Dance – add freeze dance. DJ needed a mike. DJ did a great job this year. Need to send a thank you card to him.

- Add back pumpkin class contest. Use tickets at door and other half used for voting.

Xmas Bazaar

We have a lot of supplies but need tissue paper and small bags. Notice is prepared and ready to go out requesting donations. Hannah will get candy canes, tags and extra gifts for men. Try to get all classrooms through before lunch time. Will set up the afternoon before in the gym. Volunteer list will be posted. Hours will be from 8 am to 10:30 and 10:30 to 1:00. Joanna will get two floats of \$200.

Upcoming PTA Dates 2019-2020

December 10 & 11 - Christmas concerts

December 17th - Christmas Bazaar

February 7th - Bingo

April 24th - Spring Family Dance (tentative)

June 6th - Spring Fling

Future PTA meeting dates:

December 3, 2019

January 16, 2020

February 6th, 2020

March 24, 2020

April 16, 2020

May 12, 2020

June 5, 2020