

PTO Meeting Minutes September 16, 2020

Virtual Meeting Called to Order: 6:30pm

- Welcome by President, Natalie Johnson
- PTO Board Introduction
 - Natalie Johnson – President
 - Rochelle Cabe – Exec Vice President
 - Zobeida Sanchez – Past President
 - Maria Cowell – 1st Vice President
 - Detra Alton – 2nd Vice President
 - Ashley McDonough – Secretary
 - Sarah Schnure – Treasurer
 - Michelle Manning – Assistant Treasure
 - Sarah Levit – Immediate Past Treasure
 - Board emails found on Herod PTO's website
- Yearbooks on sale, go to www.herodpto.org to purchase
 - More distribution dates to come, passed out at school
- Room Parents needed, reach out to your teacher if you're interested
- Playground Committee
 - Looking for volunteers to form committee to spearhead the project, chair needed. Teachers also needed for input
 - Process – approval, design, construction
 - 2-year commitment
 - Email Natalie Johnson if interested at president@herodpto.org or FB messenger
- Fundraising
 - Box Tops
 - Download the Box Tops for Education app on your phone and select Herod for your school. You can scan your box tops or receipt, no need for collecting paper box tops
 - APEX
 - Virtual fundraiser in November, date to be determined

- Children will do dance moves instead of running laps
 - Spirit Nights
 - Tuesday 9/29 11am-10pm La Fresca
 - Wednesday 10/14 4-9pm Café Piquet
 - Thursday 10/29 10:30am-9pm Mod Pizza
 - Month of September CFA Meyerland Brownies for Books
 - Corporate Partners
 - Gold: Café Piquet & Raising Cane's
 - Silver: CFA Meyerland
 - Bronze: HEB Meyerland & Michael's Cookie Jar

- Donor's Choose
 - Teacher's campaigns, today they are matching donation
 - Teacher campaigns on PTO website

- Spirit Wear
 - New design "Herod Strong"
 - Purchase on PTO store
 - Figuring out distribution

- PTO Committee Chairs
 - List on PTO website under "About PTO"

- 2020-21 PTO Budget, Sarah Schnure
 - Fundraising – will be different
 - Major Fundraising
 - Book Fair – money goes back to Library
 - \$60,000
 - Minor Fundraising
 - Art Show – money goes back to Art Room
 - Fall Fun Fest
 - Amazon Smile – use Gary L. Herod PTO
 - Birthday Marquee
 - Box Tops
 - Spirit Nights
 - \$7,000
 - Income \$75,00
 - Expenses

- Contract Services
 - Educational Aid
 - Ice Machine
 - Lawn
 - Operating Expenses
 - Insurance
 - Programs
 - Staff Appreciation
 - Total \$56,000
- Net Operating Income \$19,000
- Motion to pass Rochelle Cabe, Natalie Johnson seconds
 - Form in chat section to fill out to approve
 - Some people don't have the ability to chat, please use the raise your hand function if you approve the budget
 - Budget passed
- Join the PTO!
 - PTO store
- Updates from Principal Colion
 - Next Tuesday, September 22nd Ms. Colion will have a Community Meeting
 - Thank you to teachers for their hard work! And to parents as well
 - Choice to stay virtual or in person, decision to be made between 9/21-25
 - If you don't choose it will default to in person learning
 - Decision to be made on parent portal
 - On campus learning
 - Must pass screener to participate on campus
 - Mask to be worn
 - Markers to designate social distancing
 - Class sizes reduced to 9 kids/class
 - What happens when more than 9 kids return to a classroom? Answer to come
 - School hours remain the same
 - Will not be the same with social distancing that is needed

- Lunch in the classroom
 - Not sure about recess
 - Teachers can also choose to stay virtual
 - Kids who have HISD device will take it back and forth from home to school
- Parent survey to come next week to provide feedback about how virtual learning is going
- Questions
 - Will Herod students have Herod teachers? Will have to see how many teachers apply for teacher virtual. Virtual learners may have non-Herod teachers. May use larger spaces in the school to space out large classes. Teachers may teach in person and virtual as well.
 - Dual Language – some dual language teachers may opt to teach virtual
 - Will teachers teach in person and virtual? Depends on numbers
 - If choose on campus, can you change your decision if you don't feel comfortable with the environment? Ms. Hoevelman said families have 2 weeks before the 6-week time period is up to change their mind. Can change your decision every 6 weeks.
 - Will the kids have to wear a mask the entire day even if they are spaced? Yes. District to release face to face guidelines. PreK-1st grade, face mask highly encouraged. 2nd-5th face mask required
 - Extended Care? Yes
 - Enrichment? Not sure
 - How will the 9 students be selected? Don't have the answer.
 - What's the possibility the district doesn't open on 10/19? Don't have the answer
 - Principal Colion to send google doc on Friday so families can submit questions that she can answer at the Tuesday meeting

Virtual Meeting Adjourned: 7:30 pm