

Hawkins Elementary School
Virtual PTO Meeting Minutes
November 18, 2020

Welcome: Meeting called to order at 9:30am by President Melissa Dowding.

Principal's Report: Mr. McAuliffe was unable to join the meeting and give a report.

Treasurer's Report:

A.) Community rewards (Kroger, Busch's, AmazonSmile, Box Tops) continue to be the best way for families to earn Hawkins PTO money. Families using AmazonSmile have earned us \$89.21 so far this year and the one family using Busch's has earned us \$68.50 so far this year. Please encourage everyone you know to use these reward opportunities. We also have received \$849.42 in recovered checks from last year when school was shut down and the district was getting all the mail.

B.) October fundraiser totals: Our pop can drive brought in a total of \$816.10 this year. MSU had \$351.10 and UofM had \$465.00, which made UofM the winner this year. The winner of the Ivory Vines gift card drawing for those who helped with the pop can drive was Amy Fessler. Our family pumpkin decorating contest brought in \$170.00 and our Mr. McAuliffe halloween costume fundraiser brought in \$195.00. These three October fundraisers brought in a total of \$1,081.00 for our PTO.

C.) Not much as changed on our annual budget from last meeting. Our biggest allotment of funds this year has been the teacher funds. You can view the up to date budget on the PTO website.

Teacher Liaison: Mrs. Hurley, our 2020/20201 representative, was unable to join the meeting and give a report.

Technology Updates:

A.) The PTO website <https://hawkinselementarypto.weebly.com> is fully up to date. It continues to be the best resource for all PTO information. All links on the website are live links that will take you to anything you need. Thank you to our treasurer Jessica Sisson for her hard work on keeping our website updated.

B.) Sign up for the Remind app though the link on our website if you haven't already done so. You will receive text reminders for events happening at school.

New Business:

A.) Hawkins T-shirts: delivery date for the people who ordered during the open timeline is this coming Friday, November 20th. We will work to get them in lockers that day and for BVA families they will be available that day on the table outside the main entrance of the school. If you did not get to order during the open timeline, the shirts will be available in limited quantities on the Ivory Vines website.

B.) Holiday Season Fundraisers: We are running two holiday fundraisers this year. Information to both fundraisers is on our website. Both shops are open now through December

4th and will ship directly to your home. The first one is our holiday shop like last year, but is virtual this year. The link and login/password are available on our website. The second one is a wreath fundraiser. Again, the link and login/password are available on our website. We will also post fundraiser information on our PTO facebook page and have Judy send out an email to all families with all the fundraiser information you need.

C.) Other: An idea was mentioned to have teachers create an Amazon wish list before Christmas of items they need, so families can sign up on a sign up genius to purchase things they are asking for. Before going ahead with this idea, we will need permission from Mr. McAuliffe and will need to work out the logistics. Another suggestion was to figure out a way to post a survey of what places/things each teacher likes in order for parents to reference for gift ideas. The idea of a virtual PRC for each classroom was also brought up again as needing to be revisited with Mr. McAuliffe to find out if this is something the teachers are interested in as a way to help them out.

Closing Remarks: Our next meeting date is to be determined, and we will post the meeting date as soon as we know when it will take place. Meeting was adjourned at 10:02am by President Melissa Dowding.