

## PTO Meeting Minutes 2-10-2021

1. Meeting called to order by President Melissa Dowding at 9:31am.
2. Principal's Report - Mr. Chris McAuliffe  
There was no report as Mr. McAuliffe did not attend the meeting.
3. Teacher Liaison - Mrs. Brenda Hurley  
There was no report as Mrs. Hurley did not attend the meeting.
4. Treasurer's Report - Jessica Sisson
  - A. There has been no income since last meeting
  - B. Expenses since last meeting:  
Staff allotments = \$945.33  
Winter Wonderland event = \$778.55
5. Technology Update  
There are no new updates on technology to report.
6. New Business
  - A. Valentine's Day Activities
    1. Candy grams: will be delivered to teachers to distribute as they see fit on Friday 2/12. The deadline to turn in all candy grams is tomorrow, Thursday morning 2/11.
    2. Candy guesstimation bottles: Face to face students will make their guess of how much candy is in the bottle during lunch on Thursday 2/11 and BVA students will submit their guesses online. Winners will be announced on Friday 2/12 and will get to keep the bottle of candy. There will be one winner per grade level and one BVA winner.
    3. Huskies have heart valentine card drive: Students make a valentine card at home and bring to school by Thursday 2/11 so they can be delivered to local nursing care facilities. BVA students can turn theirs in a box outside the front entrance of the school.
  - B. Kindness Week - February 22-26
    1. Activities for the week are still in development, please see our website and facebook for information as it becomes available
    2. Kindness t-shirts are available for purchase from Ivory Vines. Yellow shirts are for suicide awareness and green shirts are for mental health awareness. Some hesitation has been brought up regarding suicide awareness with the younger students, so we will approach it as, "Brighten Up Brighton" to put a positive spin on it for them. All proceeds from the sale of these shirts will go to charity.
  - C. Leprechaun Traps

1. Family project incorporating STEAM activities and March is Reading Month that both face to face and BVA students can take part in. Lots of information about this project will be coming out in about a week.
2. Students will record their design via Flipgrid because that way students can view other student's designs and comment on them. It will be moderated by PTO. Voting will take place on a Google form and the winner will receive a \$15 gift card to Scholastic.

#### D. March is Reading Month

1. Mrs. Wells is planning some activities during STEAM center, as well as special dress up/theme days and bookmarks.
2. The PTO is working with Mrs. Wells to do other events for both face to face and BVA students. These include a Flipgrid of community members (such as firefighters, water department, veterans, Howell nature center) recording videos of themselves explaining their job and then reading a book related to their job for students to watch. There will also be another Flipgrid for students to make a video of themselves doing a book review that other students can watch and comment on. Donated books to the library will be used for prizes.

### 7. Old Business

#### A. Winter Wonderland - feedback

All positive comments were heard from students, parents, and staff that participated. Snowflakes are now hanging from the ceiling of the hallways. Thinking ahead, hooks have been purchased by Mr. McAuliffe to make it easier to hang things from the ceiling in the future. Other outdoor activities may be planned for when the snowflakes come down, such as flowers or other spring designs. We are open to ideas.

There was quite a bit of feedback that there were hurt feelings among BVA parents for their students not having the opportunity to participate in the winter wonderland event. A few parents spoke up to voice their feelings of frustration in the lack of communication to BVA families and their inability to participate in school events because of the fact that they chose to be virtual. It was expressed that they want to feel more a part of the Hawkins community, as they are still considered Hawkins students. The board is willing to brainstorm and figure out how they can involve BVA students more in the activities planned for the rest of the year.

8. The next virtual PTO meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 10th at 9:30am. The link will be provided as the date gets closer. Meeting adjourned by President Melissa Dowding at 10:23am.