

# Highland Park Elementary PTO Meeting Minutes

March 19, 2024

- A. **Call to Order@ 5:29 PM:** Welcome to Parents and Teachers
  - 1. 16 total present- parents, teachers, and specialty staff
  - 2. Babysitter onsite for the meeting (paid by PTO)
  
- B. **Minutes:** Minutes from the previous meeting reviewed, approved, and posted for public viewing on the SCSD2 website for reference
  
- C. **Special Guest:** David from Rooted in Wyoming
  - 1. Executive Director of Rooted in Wy
  - 2. HP students will be at 5th street green house for seed starting- They need volunteers- [Link to sign up](#)
  - 3. There will be garden days at the HP school during the summer- Ian Cannon-Wallace to coordinate
  - 4. Met with Leslie from the school district food program to decide what to plant that could be served in the cafeteria
  - 5. Ideas for recruiting volunteers
    - a. Sign-up Genius
    - b. Expanding educational reach with birdhouses, owl houses, or other pollination pieces
    - c. Home Depot project kits for bird houses, etc
    - d. Caterpillar rock each time your family volunteers at the garden
  
- D. **Principal's Report:** Molly Swan
  - 1. Fun run money-
    - a. 3rd grade \$300 HF Bar Day
    - b. Birch requested 12 robotic kits
    - c. School Counselor- funds for check-in/out prizes
  - 2. 5th grade ski trip tomorrow
  - 3. Torey Schmidt will return to HP- 4th grade teacher next year
  - 4. Shared Mizzoula's Children's theater opportunity
    - a. HP kids try out to be in the play
    - b. Play night can be used as a fundraiser for HP
  
- E. **Treasurer's Report:** Nicole Christensen
  - 1. Bingo for Book Net Proceeds \$1,848.10
  - 2. Officially 501(c)(3)
  
- F. **Old Business**

## 1. **Bingo for Books and Dessert Auction feedback**

- a. Review from this year
  - i. Dessert auction brought a lot of money
  - ii. Almost 300 people in attendance
  - iii. Supply Costs: \$287.58
  - iv. Labor Costs: \$283.82 Total Cost: \$571.40
- b. Next year ideas
  - i. Cooks would like food the day before
  - ii. Possibly start serving food 30 minutes earlier
  - iii. Kids want more bingo time
  - iv. Dessert auction - part live and part silent auction
  - v. Put water, silverware, napkins, and condiments at each table to speed up the line
  - vi. Order our own Bingo cards next year- 400 cards- Misty will pick out supplies and send to Sarah. Sarah will order.

## 2. **Bylaws Update**

- a. Megan, Nicole, and Sarah met on February 2 to review bylaws
- b. Review changes in [Bylaws](#) and discuss
  - i. No thoughts or questions from those in attendance
  - ii. All in attendance approved the changes
  - iii. These bylaws were adopted by unanimous vote on March 19, 2024.

## G. **New Business**

1. **Spring Art Show:** Madison Fraser
  - a. Tentative date of **May 15, 2024**
  - b. Family art night to recognize student art projects
  - c. Possibly partner with music teacher
  - d. Stations for participation for families
  - e. Support needed from PTO volunteers and possibly funds for supplies
  - f. Madison will get a plan for volunteers and PTO can send out to parents to sign up
2. **Teacher Appreciation Week:** May 6-10
  - a. Table for April Meeting

## H. **Adjournment at 6:34 pm**

I. **Next meeting on Thursday April 18 @5:30 pm**