

Horseheads Intermediate School PTO Meeting Minutes

November 10, 2020

Present: Michael Bostwick, Robin Doubrava, Gretchen Ferraro, Angela Sullivan, Danielle Richardson, Rebecca Fifield, Denise Trondsen, Zuleika Grover

Welcome and Introductions

- The meeting was opened by Gretchen Ferraro followed by brief introductions.
- **Old Business**
 - **Book Fair** – This year’s book fair raised \$493 as compared to more than \$5000 raised last Fall. IS will still offer a Buy One Get One Book Fair in the Spring.
 - **Believe Fundraiser** – The sale is scheduled to run until November 23. So far, approximately \$2165 in profit for the school. Encouraging all families to register and share the link so that the school can earn a \$2500 bonus. The company sent Gretchen some incentives that can be shared with families. PTO also discussed additional ideas to increase participation.
- **New Business**
 - **Spelling Bee** – IS will be unable to conduct this year’s Spelling Bee.
 - **Variety Show** – Discussed ideas for possibly creating a Variety Show Montage using video recordings since we cannot offer an in person event this year. Talent Show is usually held in February, however can possibly get pushed back to March or April with a video format. Will revisit at January PTO meeting.
- **Treasurer’s Report**
 - Danielle Richardson gave an update on PTO finances. There were \$680.80 in expenses for the past month primarily for purchase reimbursements.
- **Parent Council Representative Report**
 - No Report
- **Principal’s Report**
 - No school on Wednesday due to Veterans Day. Be sure to thank our Veterans for all they have done for us.
 - Thanksgiving break is Wednesday, November 25 – Friday, November 27. We will skip the cycle days for that week to stay on the same cycle day schedule each week. 23rd is a day 1, 24th is a day 2. November 30th will be a day 3.
 - The marking periods have shifted to allow more time in the 1st marking period due to our slower start. The end of the 1st marking period will be December 4th. Report cards will be sent home on December 11th.
 - Parent/Teacher conferences will be virtual on December 15, 16, and 18th.
 - There are still a lot of school pictures that need to be picked up if you have not done so already.
 - We continue to collect aluminum can pull tabs for the Ronald McDonald House and boxtops as well.
 - Please continue to encourage your child to read toward the 25 book goal. Reading at least 20 minutes per night is recommended.

- Don't forget to visit the Parent Resources link on the Intermediate School Website. There are many great resources to help support your child. [Click here](#). There are also many resources related to our learning model on the district website that can be accessed in the top right corner of the page.

The meeting adjourned at 7:22PM.

Next meeting: Tuesday, January 12th, at 6:30 PM via Zoom (There is no meeting scheduled for December)