

# Horseheads Intermediate School

**November 12, 2019**

## **PTO Minutes**

### Old Business-

Believe Fundraiser - Total sales of \$28,692.50 with a profit to the school of \$11,572.25. Pickup will be on November 21 from 2:30-6pm in the school cafeteria. Prize book will determine top 3 sellers to be awarded the larger prizes donated by the company.

Ice Cream Social - Total cost for the ice cream was \$1,125 and we used 13 3-gallon buckets for the event. We need to look at more cost effective options for next year.

Fall Book Fair - Total sales of \$5,153.75 with a \$1,288.44 profit. There is an amount due to Scholastic of \$2,897.98.

### New Business –

Staff Appreciation Day - November 15. Lunch will be ordered by Angela from Panera.

Purchase Reimbursement Requests - Nurse Robyn Torgalski would like to have snacks purchased for those students who forget or cannot afford to bring them. — Approved

### Treasure's Report:

Transition complete from Brandon to Danielle. Brief discussion and report to follow next meeting.

### Parent Council Report:

Lauren Heel attended. The building project is in process at the high school. Substitute training is happening this week through BOCES. ASD equipment requests should go through the school Principals.

Each school PTO has been tasked with answering the question prior to the next meeting December 4 - "What should a Horseheads graduate be able to do and know?" PTO discussed ideas such as producing critical thinkers who have a passion for

something.

#### November Principal's Report:

- We celebrate the successes of student character in a couple of ways. Each class nominates one to two students per marking period for Students of the Marking Period based on the character traits and/or Habits of Mind for that month. Students are celebrated over the announcement and certificate hung in a display case.
- In working on our school culture we have added some fun things to make students excited about coming to school. We have morning greeters, and Music Mondays as part of our Celebrate Monday initiative.
- Follow some of the great things going on in our school using the Twitter hashtag #ISinnovators.
- We will have our fall ABL experiences for 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Students will continue working on teamwork, collaboration, trust, problem-solving and challenges before the culminating activities at the end of the school year.
- 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](#).
- The top qualifiers for the class spelling bees will compete on January 29<sup>th</sup> for the school spelling bee. The winner of that goes to the Regional and then to the National competition in Washington D.C.
- Dismissal will be at 11am on the 15<sup>th</sup> for P/T conferences, and no school 27<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> for Thanksgiving Break.
- I will participate in our 8<sup>th</sup> annual Principal Read Your Heart Out Challenge. The challenge is to read all day long from start to finish. I will take suggestions for our reading from students, and hopefully this will be motivation for students to read their heart out over December Break.