

Henry Ford Elementary School P.T.A



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ASSOCIATION MEETING MINUTES September 10th, 2019, 7:00pm, Staff Room

Approval of Minutes: Approved

Vice President Vote: Unanimous vote to approve Teracita

Discussion and Approval of Budget - Jeff Waite:

- Raised our reserves from \$30,000 to \$80,000, but with larger student body we need to be conservative.
- E-script has been discontinued. Field trip increase by 50%, teacher supplies and staff appreciation raised
- Do not have to cover PE costs for this year only.
- Have a deficit of \$4885 cover this from fundraising this year or reserves.
- Speaker system is a one time cost, money is being used from not paying for PE this year.
- Measure H parcel tax fund donation: \$1000 was agreed to give, but should we donate more?
- Outdoor Ed Scholarship Fund: Possible \$5000 needed, awarded on need and participation of other fund raising efforts.
- Budget Vote: Vote approved, none opposed.

Officer Reports:

Al Rosell - Principal's Report

- Good start to the year, 560+ students.
- One on one technology is not happening right now, but assessments are being made, maybe start of next year.

Amy Barstad - Faculty Liaison

- Grade level planning day - K, 1st and 2nd came together to plan.
- PTA thank you for your support, a wish list for PTA would be well received for items not planned for.

Keri King - President Report

- Positive on what we can fund and teacher needs.
- Please sign up for weekly news letter and come to PTA meetings.
- Translator was meant to be here tonight and will be at all future PTA meetings.
- Yuvibia Obeso volunteered to translate the minutes and agenda for PTA .

Committee / Events Updates

- **Emergency backpacks - Louis Torres:** Updates needed, water and wind up charging stations, energy bars or food. Every parent should provide an emergency back with food and contact info. School Site council determines what is in the backpack.
- **Direct Donation Campaign – Jeanette Camacho**
Thank you for all those who have donated, the money all goes back to school, raised about \$17,000 so far, doing really well
- **Project Cornerstone – Rhea Yauch**
Many signed up to help and volunteer, thank you! Information on training and classrooms is coming. Our goal is to surround the kids with caring adults and support. Only 2 hours per month.
- **Art in Action and Staff Appreciation – Ivy Burg**
Staff are amazing so lets say thanks with food and coffee!
We need snacks for staff meetings each week, breakfast once a month, teacher appreciation week their is something for them every day that week.
- **Art in Action - Kids and teachers love it, we need docents, no art skills necessary.**
- **Garden – Sara Mrsny**
Looking for a garden co-leader, or help with work days
- **Fall Fiesta – Jane Garrino/Keri King**
October 18th, need volunteers to help get games out on Thursday night, and to run games on the night, set up and take down.
- **Fall Fundraiser – Colleen Lewcock/Corinne Tsui**
Popcorn, cookie dough sales, Hawes did the same so it should not be new for most people.
Kick off date Thursday October 10th, need volunteers with prize tables before school Mondays and Thursdays. Looking for volunteers to take over next year.
- **Maker-space – Becky Foutch**
Last year we opened a maker-space, independent student learning, critical thinking etc. Now doubled in size. Operated 100% on parent volunteers. 3rd - 5th grade lunch club, 1 hour volunteer time needed. Expand to after school if we can get volunteers. Last year free coding club 4th and 5th, would like to open to more grades, but need volunteers. Teachers can bring their class in. Working on rules for volunteers and need of finger printing.
- **Grant Writing for Field Trips and Assemblies – Keri King**
Gail DeBellis would be willing to train someone to write grants. They range between \$500 - \$1000.

New Business

- **Measure H Parcel Tax Campaign - Whitney Glockener Black / Ann Hynceck**
If passes it will raise \$3.4million for the next 12 years for RWC school district, This will lower K and 1st grade sizes, teacher salaries, reading specialists and STEM programs, cannot be taken by State.
Asking for our endorsement and a donation. Need to raise \$125,000 for campaign, already have \$80,000 so far. \$149 on property tax for the next 12 years. Communications liaisons for the next 6 - 7 weeks, 24 nights of phone banking. Lawn signs available. We will donate \$1000 to the campaign.

Meeting adjourned at 8:46pm. | Next Meeting: Tuesday, October 8th, 2019, 7:00 pm, Staff Room