

**Herrick Middle School PTA
MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2020**

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- Board members must join the PTA/pay membership dues and encouraged parent attendees to join the PTA by going to herrickpta.org
- PTA Meetings were decided for the rest of the year: Oct 14, Nov 11, Jan 13, Feb 10, Mar 10, April 14, May 12
- Bylaws to be circulated. Board members to suggest edits and will vote on changes on Oct 14
- Presented some options for Class of 2024 Bench. Identified the "Island area" for two benches to be installed. Style will be recycled plastic to match the two existing benches. Approved May 2020.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Budget update provided. Balance is \$37,000.
- Budget meeting to be set up to determine what to hold/move forward along with 2019-2020 Audit.
 - Budget recommendations will be presented in the Oct PTA Meeting.
- Need to move forward with purchase of microphone system. Approved May 2020.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT:

- Group acknowledged the large amount of work performed by administrators and teachers to put together and execute in-person meet and greet days the week of Sept 1..
- Discussed reviewing multiple SEL zoom check-ins
- Virtual Curriculum night emails are going out this week.
 - J Sisul providing emailed information about this year's virtual format.
 - Each session will be 12 minutes per teacher with links sent from each teacher. Must know the student's schedule which can be accessed on Powerschool/provided by the student.
- Virtual videos will be sent 1x a week on Mondays at 7am to students. Can also be found in homebase parent letter or google classroom.
- MAP testing will occur at the beginning of October. Format is TBD.
- Grades are no longer pass/fail and count for this year and will be discussed in Monday meeting.
 - Parents can set up attendance notices in powerschool.
 - NP meaning "not present". Students/parents should provide a reason to determine if it was a technology issue or missed class due to other issue, illness etc
 - Homebase counts towards attendance.
- Q: Do we have PPE or plexiglass? A: We do not plan to use plexiglass and are using 1 location for students..
 - Discussed that students at Herrick will remain in the same locations rather than moving from one class to the next and lockers will not be utilized.
- Q: Can outdoor classes be utilized? A: Currently we do not have connectivity outside where classes could be held.
- Dr. Russell is providing an update via email on 9.20. There is also a special BOE meeting Sept 28 at 7:00pm where Return to Learn plan will be presented.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Review and provide changes for 2020-2021 web site.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- \$150 budget for monthly treats for teachers- should be pre-packaged, keep monthly program on volunteer sheet; call for volunteers.
- Begin next steps for PTA membership push, updating Directory Spot for 2020-2021 with Chair.

VP FUNDRAISING REPORT:

- Raise craze on hold for now
- Discussed pursuing a few restaurants- locally owned vs chain, possibly alternate a few. Chipotle, Culver's and Denney's were named.
 - Investigating a restaurant fundraiser with Skuddlebutts for Oct
- Interest was noted for a Homecoming Herrick fundraiser with Holy Cow sports t-shirts and pursuing next steps.

TEACHER'S REPRESENTATIVE REPORT:

- Gift cards were given out to families in the spring that requested help. Current funds are depleted.
- Will be requesting funds during the Oct PTA meeting to help families this fall.
- If parents note students are struggling, please reach out to the counseling department
- Some teachers requested to pay cash for their PTA membership.. Reviewing membership price for teachers/administrators..

NEW BUSINESS:

The next PTA meeting will be held Wednesday, Oct 14 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

[Board Member's 2020/2021](#)

[Zoom Link](#)