



Herrick Middle School
PTA VIRTUAL MEETING AGENDA

February 10, 2021

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

- January minutes approved
- Next meeting is March 10

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current Bank Balance (January) \$37,058.17
- Current on PTA dues
- *Addendum to minutes regarding Herrick scholarship vote/approval of budget attached*

PRINCIPALS REPORT:

- Fun February- rewarding positive behavior/kindness among students continues.
 - Teachers nominate students for their positivity and can win a gift card.
 - First week of February there were 119 entries. More entries are coming in.
- Replacing old wood benches with new ones in front of the door that will match/existing plaques will be replaced.
- Teachers/Staff appreciated the coffee and treats in the morning.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

- Supply discussion/vendor (Shane) will be put on hold.
- Scholarship program discussed. Determined program Co-Chairs, will call for scholarship review committee.
 - Will need to ensure that scholarship award isn't given to grade school winner.
 - Parent volunteers evaluating scholarship entries should not have a Senior at DGN.
- DGN spiritwear Chair will be posting on Herrick FB and in weekly newsletter to generate orders/spirit for DGN.

VP OPERATIONS REPORT:

- PTA to continue with teacher treats or little incentives on a monthly basis.
- Researching Cupcakes for Courage or Auntie Annes
 - There are around 350 8th graders
 - 70 staff members.
 - Also need to accommodate remote students if we bring in a treat.

VP FUNDRAISING:

- Next Herrick fundraiser will be held at Gatto's (20-25% return to PTA).



HERRICK MIDDLE SCHOOL

- Date TBD, possibly March 23
- Funds raised will benefit District 58 Families in need during pandemic. Following up with D58 regarding timing of when funds would be most beneficial.
- 8th grade promotion discussed. Revisiting with Ms Read after spring break to plan.

TEACHER REPRESENTATIVES REPORT:

- Shared student council ideas which were well-received
 - Popsicles to students during homebase.
 - Outdoor movie night idea
- Student Council to present ideas and budget request at March PTA meeting for approval

NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- New Teacher Representative for the rest of 2021 is Ms. McJoynt
- Please see addendum regarding Herrick Scholarship program 2020-2021

ADJOURNMENT



Addendum

2020-2021 Herrick PTA Scholarship Program

Co-Chairs, Marcia Radja and Kristin Novak proposed establishing a Herrick PTA Scholarship Program that would be awarded to Downers Grove North students that attended Herrick Middle School, similar to what local D58 grade schools award to DGN students.

Qualifications:

- Graduating Downers Grove North seniors are eligible
- Must have attended Herrick Middle School for at least one (1) full school year
- Must submit an application and essay for the Herrick PTA scholarship to be considered
- Katie Courtney/Amy Bagley will confirm whether the potential recipients be a current recipient of a simultaneous D58 grade school PTA scholarship

Scholarship

- Proposed a \$3000 scholarship PTA funded line item
- Line item each school year will be allocated each year to three (3) DGN graduating seniors at \$1000 each

Timing

- Due to the timing of being awarded during the Downers Grove North High School ceremony on May 5 awards ceremony, scholarship recipients must be submitted to Hannah Green, counselor at DGN, by April 14.
- Program must be implemented by March 1 to call for DGN student entrants which did not allow delaying a vote during the March 10 PTA meeting.

Executive Board Vote

- Per Bylaws Article XI, Section 3, the executive board called for a special vote for a scholarship budget line item of \$3,000 and committee to oversee scholarship applications.
- Executive Board voted 9 to 0 to approve the line item.