

**Minutes~PTO General Meeting**  
**September 17th, 2020 6:00pm**  
(Virtual Meeting)

**Attendance:**

President:	Amber Wighton	
Vice President:	Kelli Johnston	
Secretary:	Lea Dawson	
Treasurer:	Lee Whitmer	
Parliamentarian:	Katy Redmond	
Auditor:	Jamie Rogers	
Volunteer Coordinator:	Tori Perkins	
	Samantha Doornbos	
District Outreach:	Samantha Bronson	
Members-at-large:	Lindsey Muhlhauser	
	Rachel Cogley	
	Linday Rumley	
Historian:	Anna Stewart	
Teacher Representative:	Sandee Sisteck	
	Jennifer Atoigue	
Principal:	Peter Ponomaroff	
General Members:	Jill Richards	Eileen Sverchek
	Sara Gulino	Jennifer Snowe
	Kristi Greenlee	Gladis
	Alfredo	Silas
	Ashely Madson	Jessica Doremus
	Michelle Rogers	Jess
	Kat	Heidi Gotchal
	Lauren Gable	Jeff Rose
	Brianne Prickett	Amanda Cerda
	Vivian	Justin & Mary Teauge
	Maureen Catteneo	Nicole DeMatteo

**Absent:**

Members-at-large: Laura Wright

**Call to Order:** Meeting was called to order at 6:06pm by President, Samantha Doornbos. She Explained Roberts Rules, and how our meetings are conducted. She also explained how to use our online platform and to mute our microphones unless speaking. Amber invited all board members to introduce themselves.

**Minutes:** A motion to accept August's General Meeting minutes was made by Kelli Johnston and Sandee Sisteck made a motion to second. The motion was passed unanimously.

**Principal's Report:** Principal, Peter Ponomoroff explained that not much has changed since our last meeting and we are a full month into distance learning. They know that this is not the best way to teach but health and safety come first. There will be assessments coming up for special needs students to return to in person learning but the assessment will not be happening at Harloe. Preparations for in person learning is underway. Also, materials pick ups have been moved to the cafeteria where each teacher has a location for dropping off and picking up socially distant. He updated on campus construction. All of the blacktop is getting replaced.

**Treasurer's Report:** A motion to accept the treasurer's report was made by Lea Dawson and Anna Stewart made a motion to second. The motion was passed unanimously. We discussed our carry over policy.

**Teacher's Report:** Sandee Sisteck explained that the kindergarten children are learning how to mute and unmute their mics. She also explained that teachers are doing the best they can with what they've got. Mrs. Madson is working hard with reading groups. They are asking if the PTO could take a moment and send notes to staff to share our love. Jennifer Atoigue explained that the school garden recently started an airponics garden and that our garden is becoming a point for community outreach. Mrs. Saheb is even teaching how to make sourdough bread!

Mrs.Sverchek: this year is her 35th year @ Harloe and would like to shout out to parents for showing up each day!  
Thank You!

**New Business:**

- Audit report was presented by Jamie Rogers our Auditor. She explained that every 6 months an audit is done and that she found no errors. Anna Stewart made a motion to accept the Auditors Report and Samantha Doornbos seconded. The report was approved unanimously.
- District Outreach Update was presented by Jill Ricahrds. She explained that not much has changed other than special needs students have been approved to return to in person learning and assessments will begin.
- Apex Update was presented by Samantha Doornbos. She explained that it will be a virtual platform and more information is coming.
- Spirit Night Update was given by KatyRedmond. She led a discussion about our concerns with having spirit nights during these times. Reverse spirit nights were suggested by Samantha Doornbos. Mr. Ponomoroff agreed that giving back to the businesses that have helped us would be great. Brianne Prickett suggested a village night. Lea offered that we could do donation jars rather than asking businesses to give PTO a cut. Sandee reminded us that not all families are comfortable going out and that needs to be taken into consideration. Katy thanked us for her input and will report next meeting with a new plan.
- Sunshine Account was explained by Samantha Doornbos. Sam made a motion to get a gift card for the Lopez Family. Jamie Rogers seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.
- Goodwill Trailer fundraiser was presented by Nicole DeMetteo. She led a discussion about weather or not we should move forward with it. She will report back with further information.
- Diversity Club information was presented by Michelle Rogers. She explained that they are in need of a teacher liaison with Mrs Staffords departure. Mrs. Svercheck offered to fill the position. Michelle is working on videos and books for social media and teachers to distribute. Mrs. Madsen explained that teachers would appreciate knowing ahead of time when they are sharing these. Amber asked if a rough outline for the year could be made for teachers.

**Old Business:**

- Garden Educator Project (Amber) - Tabled for now, no new news.
- Open Forum
  - i. Linda Rumley offered to help Michelle with diversity club and Nicole DeMetteo with the children's recourse network.
  - ii. Sam asked us to try not to overwhelm our teachers and please give the PTO feedback.
  - iii. Breanne Prickett asked if would could always do virtual meetings. They are easier for her and others to attend.
  - iv. Maureen Cattaneo asked about virtual field trips and speakers. Mr. Ponomoroff said he likes the idea but has been holding off.
  - v. Tori Perkins introduced Mrs. Snowe.

### Announcements

- Math Celebration Week 9/21-9/25
- BBQ Drive-Thru and Gold Day 9/25-- 4pm-7pm

### Handouts:

- Treasurer's Report
- August meeting minutes
- Audit report

Meeting Adjourned at 7:11pm