



HVES PTA
GENERAL MEETING NOTES

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 1, 2019
HVES MEDIA CENTER

Meeting called to order at 7:15

1. **Welcome: Taylor Stager, PTA President**
2. **Principal's Report: Galit Zolkower, Principal**
 - Enrollment is 411
 - The teachers are in the process of implementing a new language arts curriculum
 - Picture Day is 10/11
 - Fall Festival is coming on 10/31. It is inclusive so that all kids can participate.
 - Working on the PAX good behavior model, which is peer-reviewed. Kids are taught to be participants in their own behavior.
 - **Help labeling curriculum is needed.**
3. **Budget/Audit Report: Jenny Blasdell, Treasurer**
 - PTA has a balance of \$13,349.43
 - Jenny went through the various spending items and expected spending.
 - SpiritWear and Carnival are not meant to turn a profit.
 - There is a new line for Healthy Kids grant.
 - There are new increases for 5th grade promotion, Carnival, print costs, staff appreciation, snacks for chorus.
 - Budget was approved.
 - Jenny thanked the review committee and spoke about the review process.
 - Review process was approved.
4. **Bylaws Update: Caroline Broder**
 - This is the year we update our bylaws. They are fill-in-the blank about issues such as how often we meet, how officers are elected, etc. We need a few volunteers to make recommendations for any changes. This is an easy lift. We will vote on these for approval at at February 2020 General Meeting.
5. **New Committee Structure: Taylor Stager**
 - The new committee structure is designed to make volunteering easier.
 - It's based on what other schools do, and we can evaluate it at the end of the year.
6. **Volunteers & Training: Jana Rhone**
 - Volunteer and room parent training will take place next Tuesday, Oct 8 at 7 p.m. in the Media Room.

- Volunteers for Action for Healthy Kids are needed. We're working on how to implement that. This may involve something around Fall Fest, Heart Healthy Dance and Carnival.
- There will be a volunteer email group. This does not preempt you from helping with teachers, staff. There are many ways and places to help the school. Jana will remain the liason for the school.
- Art to Remember fundraiser info will be going out soon. Students are working on butterflies this year. Contact Jenny Stavros Turner or Lori Love if you have questions.

7. Growth Mindset Workshop: Ms. Zolkower and HVES staff

- Presenters described differences between Fixed and Growth Mindset, components of effective effort, and identified statements that promote a Growth Mindset.
- The group identified common successes, struggles and encouragements that they heard as children.
- Discussed history of intelligence, the Bell Curve
- When we praise a kid's intelligence and ability, we may jeopardize their success because they may develop a fixed mindset.
- When students hold a Growth Mindset, they view school as an exciting place to learn, they embrace feedback, and have resilience to move forward.
- Smart is not something you are, it's something you get.
- **Mindsetworks.com** is a resource for parents to help children instill a Growth Mindset.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Volunteer Training	Tuesday, October 8th
Planning Meeting	Tuesday, October 15th
Fall Festival	Thursday, October 31st

SUCCESSFUL HVES EVENTS:

Walk to School Day
 Matchbox Dining Out
 Kindergarten Pizza Party
 Ice Cream Social

COMMITTEE NEEDS:

1. Action for Healthy Kids
2. Membership
3. Communication
4. Amharic Translation
5. Spring Carnival
6. Bake Sales
7. International Night
8. Spring Auction

Are you staying connected via the PTA Community Listserv?

Please contact Lyle Tuner at admin@hves-pta.org
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