

H.W. Good Elementary PTO

Wednesday, September 6th, 2017

Meeting Minutes

Call Meeting to Order

- 🐾 Verify all members have signed in

18 in attendance. 3 board members, Dr. Larcinese, Candace from the YMCA, and 13 PTO Members

- 🐾 Verify all members have entered both raffles
 - Door prize
 - End of the year Surprise Drawing

1 ~ Introduction of Officers for the 2017-2018 school year

- 🐾 Tracy Pieniadz, President
- 🐾 Sarah Zontek, Secretary
- 🐾 Kelly Fitterer, Treasurer

2 ~ Treasurer's Report

- 🐾 Budget for 2017-2018
 - Approval of budget

The 2017 - 2018 PTO Budget of \$17,805.00 was presented, discussed, and approved. We discussed adjusting two areas: lowering volunteer appreciation spending, and raising the amount we pay for students' field trips, so that parents did not have to pay.

3 ~ School Update: Dr. Amy Larcinese, Principal

Dr. Larcinese discussed Kindergarten Orientation, how each Kindergartner received a new snack bag from the PTO. She also discussed different free fundraising opportunities for our school such as Giant Eagle Apples for the Students, Amazon Smile, Shop n Save Rewards Card. She talked about free educational assemblies through Shop n Save program. Dr. Larcinese also talked about upcoming events, such as Open House, Red Ribbon Week, and the Halloween Parade and parties. The Halloween Parade will take place on school property this year as to not inconvenience the firemen and community members by shutting down the roads.

4 ~ YMCA

Candace from the Greensburg YMCA talked about their BASE Program at H.W. Good; what they offer, the costs, and enrollment procedures. Children can be dropped off at the school in the morning beginning at 6:45. Students can stay after school until 6:00 PM. The YMCA provides an afternoon snack and plans many fun activities for the students.

5 ~ Membership

- ❗ Fee is \$5.00 per person, per school year
- ❗ Membership drive is being held until September 29th
 - The classroom with the most memberships earns a pizza party
 - The winning classroom will be announced at the October PTO meeting!

6 ~ Volunteering Procedures

- ❗ All clearance information is on the H.W. Good Website
 - Located under “Volunteer Guidelines”
- ❗ Clearance information can also be found in your PTO Membership Packet
- ❗ Three Clearances
 - Act 151 PA Child Abuse (Free for school volunteers)
 - Act 34 PA Criminal History (Free for school volunteers)
 - FBI Fingerprinting (Fee \$28.75)
- ❗ Clearances can take 6 – 8 weeks to process, please complete ASAP
- ❗ Clearances must be renewed and submitted to the school office every 3 years

Some parents asked about expiring clearances and when they need to renew. The school's secretary will call those parents whose clearances are expiring.

7 ~ Committees

- ❗ If anyone would like to volunteer for a committee, please contact Sarah through the PTO email address: hwgPTO@gmail.com
 - Bulletin Boards/Showcase
 - Box Tops: Leanna Wetzler
 - Pop Tabs: Dianne Franks

Dawn Ritchie, Kelly Shirer, and Jenn Lyons all expressed interest in helping with 4th grade celebration. Chanda Hays would like to help with Popcorn Fridays. Rachael Ray, Dawn Ritchie, and Chanda Hays all expressed interest in helping with bulletin boards.

8 ~ Free Fundraising

🐾 Box Tops: Leanna Wetzler

Leanna asked about making the collection time longer for Box Tops, we discussed different ideas and decided upon every other month and awarding a prize to 1st and 2nd place, so that the same number of classes have a chance at winning a prize, but hopefully it is less work/counting for Leanna.

🐾 Giant Eagle: Apples for the Students

- Our school ID # 413
 - Register your Advantage Card
 - Earn points for our school

🐾 School Store

- www.schoolstore.com
 - Shop online through school store - H.W. gets percentage of sale (up to 50%)
 - See attached flyer for more information

9 ~ Communication

🐾 Website: http://hw-good-elementary.echalksites.com/home_page

- Click "More," then "PTO Webpage"

🐾 Email: hwgPTO@gmail.com

🐾 Facebook: H.W. Good PTO

🐾 Remind: text @hwgpto to 81010

🐾 Flyers sent home with students

🐾 Bulletin Board in School Office Entranceway

10 ~ Draw the winner of tonight's door prize!

September

Upcoming Events

Open House:

- 🐾 Tuesday, September 12th from 5:30 – 7:30 PM

Fall Fundraiser:

🐾 Oakbrook Fundraising

🐾 Begins: September 12th

- 🐾 Ends: September 26th
- 🐾 Delivery: October 23rd, pick up 4:00 – 6:00 PM in school cafeteria
 - Volunteers will be needed to help sort fundraiser orders

Popcorn Friday:

- 🐾 September 22nd
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October

School Pictures:

- 🐾 Monday, October 2nd at 9:30 AM

PTO Meeting:

- 🐾 Wednesday, October 4th at 9:30 AM

Chick-fil-a Spirit Day:

- 🐾 Thursday, October 12th
- 🐾 Chick-fil-A Cow will come to the school to remind students
- 🐾 The class with the most participation wins an ice cream sundae party!

Red Ribbon Week:

- 🐾 Monday, October 23rd – 27th
- 🐾 Theme: “Your future is key, so stay Drug Free”
- 🐾 Volunteers will be needed to help students safely across the road to tie red ribbons on fence

Cougar Cart: Dates to be determined

Halloween Parties and Parade:

- 🐾 Tuesday, October 31st

November

PTO meeting:

- 🐾 Wednesday, November 1st at 6:30 PM

Veteran’s Day Program:

- 🐾 Friday, November 10th at 9:30 AM

Chick-fil-a Calendar Fundraiser:

🐾 November 15th - 29th

🐾 This will allow students time to ask friends and family over Fall Break

Fall Break:

🐾 Early Dismissal on Wednesday, November 22nd

🐾 No school November 23rd - November 27th

🐾 Return to school Tuesday, November 28th