



High Peaks Elementary

ED Team (PTO) Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 1, 2020 (2:45 pm)

Virtual Meeting via Zoom

+Attendees:

Wendy Brown, Ruby Childs, Christa Dam, Christie Fetter, Zachary Fink, Christmas Gainsbrugh, Adrienne McCleskey, Heidi Schoen, Mary Sznawajs, Jeannie Tynecki

Approval of Minutes

All Ed Team members approved last month's minutes.

New Business:

Giving Tree Update - Christa Dam

The Giving Tree was launched two weeks ago as of today (10/1/20)

We have currently raised \$25,000, with approximately 25% of children's families participating.

There are six weeks until November 13th (deadline for Giving Tree)

The online option has been the most common venue for families to donate

High Peaks community members can also pledge non-financial gifts of volunteering and continued friendship in lieu of donating money. Some have selected this option to participate already.

5th Grade classes are currently leading with the highest participation rate

For in-person Grades K-2, a paper copy reminder of the Giving Tree will be sent home in the Thursday folders as a reminder

When K-2 back to school night takes place, the Giving Tree will be promoted again at that time (date - TBD).

High Peaks Ed Team and teachers will continue to keep Giving Tree communications active.

Fall Halloween

During covid it is hard to have the same level of community building and fundraising High Peaks has had in the past. This year to celebrate Halloween we will ask Mrs. Weatherly to continue the tradition with the Book Character Pumpkin Contest.

Teachers will also provide students with an opportunity to wear a Halloween costume.

Other ideas are TBD (scavenger hunt, parade, slide show, etc...)

Teacher Conference Meals

How can we support our teachers during parent/teacher conference times?

Jeannie will ask the teachers at the next staff meeting.

Budget Update- Mary Szniewajs

HighPeaks will not have the usual amount of fundraisers this year, therefore if the Giving Tree is at or at least close to budget, there should be no concerns with this year's budget.

Teacher Updates/Requests all Grade Levels - Adrienne McCleskey/Zachary Fink

Math manipulatives were sent home (including dice, rulers, cubes, deck of cards, etc) for games/counting activities. Beth James is seeking the Ed Team to purchase more manipulatives for at home learners. Ed Team decided to wait until it is known how many students come back, how many children will be at home learners. This topic is on the agenda for next month's Ed Team meeting to follow up.

Currently there are 16 ipad cases for iPads which need covers. Each cover is \$15/piece. Seeking Ed Team to purchase covers. Adrienne McCleskey will purchase and Ed Team will reimburse for the incurred expense.

Test new writing program *Being a Writer* starter set is \$200 (includes one teacher manual). Ed Team has agreed to purchase one starter set and see if teachers like the program. If this is a tool to use for the school going forward, Ed Team can decide to purchase more sets/materials.

What are the Volunteer Needs per class/school?

When parent volunteers are needed, teachers will ask for help by emailing the families in the class. Teachers will also let the Ed Team know when/if there is any way Ed Team members can volunteer too.

Follow up with spirit-wear contact to inquire about High Peaks masks with HP logo.

Principal Update - Jeannie Tynecki

Jeannie would like to provide a lecture free of charge to the High Peaks community. *How to help your children at home with online learning* (Mary Strauss's mother). The approximate cost will be \$250

Ed Team would like to proceed with this being an online donation only based event No charge to families will be asked

Jeannie would like to bring in an exercise teacher to help teachers learn new exercise skills. Cost is \$10 per teacher approximately \$300-\$400). Ed-Team has approved this cost.

There are six weeks left of the Giving Tree

Christa will send a wrap of email to Jeannie regarding the Giving Tree

Celebrate K-2 back to school, so far these grades have done an excellent job, all wearing masks.

Drop off has been smooth/parents staying in cars

Parent coffee-talks still well attended and positive feedback, will continue virtually going forward.

Working on the TAG position - in process

Meeting Adjourn 3:50pm

Next ED Team meeting - November 5th, 2020

All Ed Team Meetings will take place the first Thursday of each month.