

HIGH PEAKS EDUCATIONAL GROUP

Meeting Name: Winter 2025 Meeting

Meeting Date: January 9, 2024

Meeting time: 3:10 pm

Meeting location: High Peaks Elementary School Art Room

Roll Call

First, Last Name	Role	Email	Present
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1. Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (Amber)

✓ **The voting members voted to approve the November 2024 meeting minutes.**

2. New Business

- Parent Conferences (week of Feb 10th)
 - Feb 11: Ed Team will provide dinner for staff (Thai food)
 - Feb 13: Ed Team will provide dinner for staff from Pica's Restaurant.
 - Feb 12: No Wednesday breakfast will be provided by the Ed Team.
- Field Day – Ninja Warrior Discussion
 - The idea of hosting Ninja Warriors during Field Day was discussed but has been decided against for this year.



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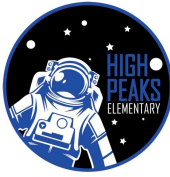
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- Bake Sale Conflicts:
 - Student Council's Bake Sale is scheduled for Feb 18, closely following the Ed Team's Bake Sale on Feb 13.
 - Mrs. Menninger will speak with Student Council about adjusting her date to create a better gap between events.
 - Fun Run Scheduling & Event Type
 - Currently the Fun Run is scheduled for May 8 with a backup date of May 1 (*potential conflict with BCSIS – needs review*)
 - Suggested alternative dates: April 24 or 25, though weather could be a concern.
 - Last year's fundraising model was straight donations per child. Consideration for a more traditional fundraising approach this year.
 - Brooke is interested in doing another Color Run, but an April event may not work logistically.
 - ❖ **Action Items:**
 - Sam will connect with Brooke and confirm dates for the Fun Run.
 - This Team will brainstorm alternative fundraising ideas and finalize the Fun Run format in our next meeting
- 3. Principal's Report** (*Emily on behalf of Chris*)
- No update as Mr. Basten was absent.
- 4. District Committee Updates**
- No meetings since last update
- 5. High Peaks Ed Team Committee Updates**
- **Finance** (*Janani*)
 - *Financial Report:* A draft of financials was emailed out and will be updated – please refer to the latest version.
 - *Teacher Budgets:* Erica will send reminders to each teacher regarding their remaining budget balances (\$300-\$800 per grade)
 - *Donation Allocation Proposal:* Consideration to allocate surplus donations to 5th Grade Continuation
- ✓ **The voting members voted to approve additional budget line item for 5th Grade Continuation.**
- ❖ **Action Item:** Amber will order graduation caps with the new colors
 - *Surplus Funds* – Possible Uses:
 - Digital sign out in front of the school.
 - New furniture in the classrooms.
 - Painting classrooms
 - Basketball hoops
 - ❖ **Action Item:** Emily will collect additional teacher input on spending priorities.



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 - Spring Family Night Out is in the works. Gaya is going to talk to Bellota and other places to see if they will host another event.

- **Spirit/Teacher Appreciation**
 - 3rd Grade Breakfast (*Amber for Kristine G.*)
 - Scheduled for January 22nd.
 - Flyers went out to 3rd grade parents today.
 - Collecting donations for catering as well as food items.

- **Challenge Committee**
 - No updates at this time

- **Yearbook** (*Giordana*)
 - Sales Timeline
 - Recommend April as the sales window to allow extra time for late orders.
 - Yearbooks will be delivered on May 15 (assuming deadlines are met)
 - Pricing
 - Current cost is about \$19/book; charge expected to be \$20/book this year.
 - Extra funds raised will cover donated books for students and staff in need of free copies.
 - Last year's theme was an executive decision based on past designs. No set rules or formats for the theme and style for this year.
 - Headshot uploads are nearly completed.
 - Large collection of event photos have already been gathered. The new system to upload throughout the year works much better.

Old Business/Outstanding To-Do's

- Fundraising Platform Demo
- Digital Signage Discussion
- Winter Parking Lot/Snowplowing