



HIGH PEAKS EDUCATIONAL GROUP

Meeting Name: Fall 2024 Meeting

Meeting Date: October 4, 2024

Meeting time: 3:10 pm

Meeting location: High Peaks Elementary School Art Room

Roll Call

First, Last Name	Role	Email	Present
Erica Stone	Parent Co-Chair	ericastone3@gmail.com	✓
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Agenda:

Approval of Last Meetings Minutes (Amber)

- ✓ The voting members voted to approve the September 2024 meeting minutes.

New Business

- Yearbook (Giordana)
 - There were lots of vendor issues last year. Mostly related to shipping/delivery. Impacted Dory.
 - Evaluated 3 potential new vendors this year. Recommend using Entourage as a new vendor
 - Soft cover book with 68 pages is about \$15.51/ each (Last year’s price was: \$25 soft /\$31 hard)
 - No minimum orders. Can increase price if needed for Ed Team fundraising, if desired.
 - **Decision: Approved**
 - **Action Items:** Giordana will verify that uploading photos will be simple & also check with the vendor to see if parents can customize page(s) for their child, if desired.

- ✓ The voting members voted to approve using a new yearbook vendor this year.

- Proposal for Field Day Activity (Chris)
 - Brooke Graham has a new proposal for field day to include a Ninja Warrior station. Packages range from \$1700-\$3500



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- BCSIS needs to approve this, so the ask would be ½ funded by Ed Team
- Other schools have these stations, and it's well received by the kids and usually long lines.
- Parent feedback is that waivers are required which can result in the need for more parent volunteers to verify waivers. There might be a way to get waivers signed in advance.
- It is not clear if the Ed Team would need to increase their insurance to host this event.
- **Decision: On hold**
- **Action items:**
 - Chris to talk with BCSIS and gauge their interest and circle back in next month's Ed Team meeting.
 - Check with Dory about insurance requirements (does Ed Team need to get approval for this event if it is sponsored by them?).
 - Verify that the station is specifically appropriate for 5 year olds.

Principal's Report (Chris)

- Had the first Back to School assembly, and the astronaut suit made an appearance. Topic was on behavior and showing safety.
- Jerry Groover is back as the Health Room Para. Many thanks to all those on staff who helped out so far this year.
- Had first lock down drill and focused on it being fun for the kids.
- Math Olympiad kicked off on 9/23. High energy.
- Monday, 10/1 was a Professional Development Day, and the focus was to compliment Into reading adoption.

District Committee Reports

- Parent Accountability Committee (PAC) -- (Amber)
 - October meeting will be next week. Discussion will be on the no cell phone policy.
 - The district is also seeking feedback on possibly changing graduation requirements. If any HP parents are interested in giving that feedback, email Amber or Gaya to complete the survey on HP's behalf.

Committee Updates

- **Finance/Fundraising** (Janani/Gaya)
 - Financial Statement Review – refer to documents
 - Insurance policy needs to be increased per new BVSD policy. \$1000/year, or can do one-time event for \$300-500. Erica is seeking feedback on how to proceed. With Fall Festival approaching, we don't have time to get multiple quotes.
 - Ed Team is paying a lot on shipping prices through Amazon
 - **Decision: Purchase Amazon Prime subscription**
 - Giving Tree Update
 - Lots of participation. Every class earned a pizza party, which will be tomorrow (10/4 at 2:15 pm).
 - Donations were highest on the days of the principal's emails and the last week.
- **Spirit/Teacher Appreciation** (Adriana/Sam)
 - Fall Festival Update (Adriana)
 - [Fall Festival](#) is coming October 10th from 4:30 – 6:30 pm.
 - Food trucks, face painting, balloon art, possibly pumpkins, etc.
 - All families are invited. Free hot chocolate ticket in the Thursday folders for kids & teachers.
 - Would really like Teachers to attend, if possible.
 - Bike, Walk, Roll to School (Amber)
 - [Bike, Walk and Roll](#) to school is coming October 9th



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- Will be combining efforts with BCSIS. Event will be in the west lawn. Breakfast treats, Jeff & Paige, and celebration for those using alternative transportation.
- Teachers will try to end their meetings early.
- **Challenge Committee**
 - STEM (Erica for AA/QC)
 - Alaina & Quetzal organizing CU Discovery days. They have a lot of interested parents and trying to choose between 3 great candidates.
 - The topic will be Space.
 - Destination Imagination, formerly Odyssey of the Mind (Gaya)
 - Meeting last night and it was discussed about \$1,000-\$1,500 per child. Had originally planned to have 18 children, but the budget amount is only \$1,000
 - **Action Items:** Gaya will talk with parents of K-2 and also consider only having two teams.
 - Cross-Country/Running (Gaya)
 - Only had 3 children sign up and minimum is 15, so will defer until the fall. Also discussed with BCSIS and they have interested kids.
 - HP Ed Team will subsidize the cost of HP kids only.
- **Open Enrollment Committee** (Erica)
 - Flyer/Brochure Revamp is almost done by Erica and needs to be printed.
 - BVSD Showcase Plan: Weds, Oct 9th from 5-8 pm. HP Teachers: Chris, Joanna, Lauren. Set up is 4:30 pm
 - **Action Items:** Amber will create a box in Dory's office with all the materials that needs to go. Joanna will help with set up on the night of the event.

Other discussion

- Teachers should talk to the Ed Team before asking parents for funds.
 - Calwood prices have increased, and several parents expressed concerns about the cost, which was covered by the school.
 - **Action Items:** Amber will schedule a meeting with Erica, Zach, and Mike to discuss all 5th grade expenses and make recommendations.