

Horseheads Intermediate School Parent/Teacher Organization

PTO Minutes of Meeting

Meeting Date: November 19, 2024

Current Discussions/Reports

1. Old Business

- **Believe report by Tara Spirawk – Treasurer and Chair** – Believe fundraiser was successful with participation up from 13% to 18.55%. Profit was \$7170.45. Orders due to arrive December 12th with pickup date to be December 18th.
- **Spirit wear report by Tara Spirawk and Mike Bostwick Treasurer and Principal** – Spirit wear is complete and was not a fundraiser. Spring spirit wear sale (if completed) will be a fundraiser. Invoice to be paid upon receipt from company.
- **Make a difference day**- Successful event. Many supporters came out and all the activities were well received.

2. New Business

- **Parent Engagement Policy**- Mr. Bostwick discussed this new policy. We discussed parent involvement opportunities, ways to get parents more involved, reasons why families are not as involved as previous years, communication platforms, parental needs from the district as a whole and strategies to implement new ideas to stimulate involvement as a whole.
- **November Staff Luncheon**- Tara is contacting Minier's to get lunch catered for staff on Friday November 22, 2024.

3. Treasurers Report

See attached

Items Under Decision/Discussion

1. Yearly budget was discussed and teacher classroom budgets are not feasible at this time. We will continue to build our bank account for future events.

Principal's Report

- Thanks to everyone in advance for all of your support this year on the PTO. All you do provides great experiences for our students.
- Open House was a big success – huge turnout!
- Robin and I did Expectations Assemblies for all teams to go over expectations including rights, responsibilities, character, conflict/bullying, consequences, and also focused on Growth Mindset and Grit.
- State Testing Individual Student Reports will be mailed out to parents as we have done in the past. I don't have an exact date yet, but we just received digital copies.
- All newsletters are sent home electronically near the beginning of each month. They will include important information including events that have taken place, dates, events, reminders, etc.
- Believe Fundraiser will be getting started and will run from October 11 – 25. Orders can go through using the provided packet or online. Orders will be delivered by the December holiday break.
- We will be having another T-shirt order launching soon allowing students to order #ISinnovators shirts with their name on the back. More details to come in October.
- Parent Portal is available for all parents. If you're not signed up, contact our main office. An app feature is available and great to use. Also, stay in touch through the Canvas platform.
- We'll also continue with our Pull Tab Drive to benefit the Ronald McDonald House. Box top for Education donations are always welcome throughout the school year. They are all electronic now.
- Picture Day will be on October 22nd with make-ups being on December 4th.
- Ice Cream Social is on September 25th at the IS from 6:30 to 8:00 PM and will include the launch of our book fair, ice cream, and many games in the field house.
- Book fair will run in school from September 26th – 30th. Students will attend during a designated time with their homeroom.