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March 2, 2022 HIGHCREST PTO EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING MINUTES

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- I. Call to Order: Called to Order – Megan Gemp at 9:18 am**
- II. Motion to approve February 2, 2022 Minutes; minutes approved and will be posted to HMS PTO website shortly.**
- III. Principal's Report - Kelly Jackson**
  - Thanks to the PTO for its support of spring clubs (which are on the horizon).
  - Mid year strategic plan in progress; an update was recently given to the D39 Board of Education.
  - Mask optional currently reinforced in homerooms.
  - Information has been shared with the students as to emotional support available in light of the Ukraine Russian War.
  - Students and staff looking forward to larger scale spring assemblies.
  - On-going progress on the We All Live Here project (assessment of cost and coordinating meetings) .
  - IAR testing to occur in mid and late March prior to spring break.
  - Discussion of school photos/indoor and outdoor options for next year.
  - On-going discussion ensued as to potential projects funded by the PTO to improve and enhance outdoor areas and equipment.
- IV. Teacher's Report - Kelly Jackson on behalf of Becky Kross**
  - Thank you to the PTO for the Valentine's Day treats with a special thanks to Jenine Tubergen for coordinating such a lovely fare.
  - Classes have been finding new and exciting ways to learn - vocabulary building using NY Times Wordle; March Madness of Favorite Books in the Learning Commons, hands on experimentation in sixth grade science classes as to chemical reactions and safety protocols in understanding chemical reactions; researching the Titanic in social study classes including maritime law and passenger class distinctions.
  - Student Council is spear-heading the Kids' Heart Challenge to raise money for the American Heart Association.
  - Students had a blast with the skating and self-defense classes in PE
- V. President's Report – Megan Gemp**
  - Motion to approve the February 2, 2022 meeting minutes was made and approved.
  - Thank you, thank you to Jenine Tubergen for the staff and faculty Valentine's Day treats.

- Wilmette Theater movie night - April 9 - movie TBD - mark your calendars for a fun evening at the movies.
- Actively working on slate for HMS PTO for 2022-2023. Please contact Megan Gemp if interested/open positions.

## **VI. COMMITTEE REPORTS**

### **Ways and Means: Ivana Uzelac**

- Exploring possible new vendor for Spiritwear

### **Enrichment: Rebecca Freeborn**

- Discussion ensued as to possible virtual and in-person spring enrichment programs, including but not limited to Brainetics (date TBD), BMX Biker program, sixth grade Night Sky viewing, and possible field trips off campus.

### **Special Events: Elizabeth Jensen**

- Aloha Spring (scheduled for 4.29) is moving forward.

### **Communications: Amy Giannico-Schuster**

- Running smoothly; nothing additional to report.

### **Community Services: Jenine Tubergen**

- Yearbook sales of over 700 yearbooks
- Teacher Appreciation Week scheduled for May 2-6; subcommittee to meet next week to discuss themes, prizes, etc.

### **Student Programs: Sarah Squires-Doyle**

- **After School Clubs:**  
Spring clubs are on the way.

## **VII. Treasurer's Report – Patrick Parmentier**

- Updated financials were provided as well as the updated fiscal budget.
- Discussion ensued as to potential PTO funded gifts

## **VIII. Adjournment**

### **UPCOMING DATES:**

- 4/6 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD
- 5/4 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD (outdoors?)
- 6/1 9:15 am Exec Meeting - location TBD (outdoors?)
- Executive Board Get Together TBD