

Hammond Academy of Science and Technology PTO Minutes

November 11, 2019

Lisa Sarwacinski, President
Angie Christensen, Vice President
Damiana McKimmy, Secretary
HS Parent Advisor, Amanda Lopez (abs)
MS Parent Advisor, Cynthia Washington

Dr. Egan, Principal (abs)
Evie Rimkus, Treasurer
Student Advisor, Vacant
HS Teacher Advisor, Vacant
MS Teacher Advisor, Jennifer Klesznski

- Reading of Secretary's Report from last PTO meeting held on October 14, 2019
- Treasurer's Report: Current balance \$1,829.30. Report given to all attendees. We are still in the process of the Federal to be reinstated the IRS has cleared the check submitted
 - o Deposits were \$1,615.08
 - Brushes & Brews
 - Membership Dues
 - T-Shirt Sales
 - Fall Dance; Tickets, Concessions and Return of cash box change
 - Krispy Kreme
 - Interest
 - o Expenses were \$1,626.78
 - Bank Maintenance Fee
 - IRS Reinstatement App fee
 - PTO Insurance Annual Payment
 - Krispy Kreme
 - Fall Dance DJ
 - Food & Supplies for Fall Dance Concessions
 - Change for Cash Box Fall Dance
- PTO has some positions open we would really appreciate all to consider to help the HAST Family
 - o Student Advisor
 - o HS Teacher Advisor
- Our current membership count is at 73! Help us reach a 100!
- Fall Dance was a huge success! We had 98 students in attendance and they all danced and had fun! Thank you to all the parent volunteers, we had quite a bit of help and appreciate your time
- Look forward to a winter Semi-Formal dance. They will be on pre-sale and we will need a parent to sign each student in and provide a good contact number in the event of an emergency or behavioral issue
- T-Shirt Contest – Is under review and we will announce a winner soon. All students that submitted a design did an outstanding job. It will be very difficult to pick a winner. Thank you!
- Apples for the Students by Strack & Van Til. We are collecting receipts dated September 1st – March 2nd
 - o No Alcohol sales will be accepted
 - o No Tobacco sales will be accepted
- Principal Report – Dr. Egan was not present
- Winter Vendor event will take place on March 14, 2020. Mom's night out will take place on April 24, 2020. We will take volunteers after the winter break to join the committees

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- Thank you to all that donated for the November 10 year celebration for HAST. The grade with the highest donations will have a pizza party. December celebration is lunch with Alumni
- The Athletics Department is having a Taco Fundraiser on November 22, 2019 at 5pm in the gym. Come out and support our athletes. If you are unable to attend but would like to donate a ticket or dessert please contact Mr. Green
- We have received some negative feedback from parents on the automated emails, text and phone calls in regards to lunch balances. Parents concerns are as follows;
 - If we are getting too many emails, text or phone calls they will not be as attentive when receiving information from HAST.
 - Why are receiving emails, text and phone calls when we have a positive balance?
 - To answer that question a minimum account balance was established without informing the parents of this balance. The minimum balance required to **not** receive an email, text or phone call is \$15.00
- Remember when attending PTO meetings your student receives a NUT pass. This month's NUT pass will be on