

Horizon Elementary – School Community Organization (SCO) Meeting Minutes
April 12, 2022

Meeting called to order at 6:04 pm

12 people in attendance

Approval of February Minutes

- Motion to approve minutes by Mandy M, seconded by Michelle V, all in favor.

Financial Report: Kristen Bradley

- Kristen presented the financial report and said that the SCO's recent expenditures were for an Olive Garden lunch and St Patrick's Day treats for teacher appreciation.

Upcoming Events- Heather Peschl

- Shares Night- April 18th at Culver's
- Staff Appreciation Week- May 2nd- 6th- Keri Jo explained that the SCO is organizing gift basket giveaways this year in addition to different foods in the breakroom each day. Parents can help by signing up [here](#) to put together a basket and drop it off at school by April 29th. Staff will have raffle tickets for the baskets they're most interested in on Monday May 2 and Tuesday May 3 and then the drawings for baskets will be Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of that week. Parents can also help by having their kids do a flipgrid video shout out to their favorite teachers and staff by 4/29/22 [at this link](#).
- Arts and Activities Night is back May 12th and volunteers are needed to prepare the artwork for display and extra help needed for set up and take down day of the event- if you can help please sign up [here](#).
- The End of Year Picnic will be held May 17th from 5 to 8 pm with free pizza and Kona Ice for Horizon families to gather, play and celebrate a great school year!
- Horizon will be able to gather again for 5th Grade Graduation this year. The SCO will provide cake and more details will be coming soon.

New Business:

- Mr. Ordens requested that the SCO cover \$577.00 toward the all school bowling trip on May 24th. All funds from Horizon's winning the Bank of Sun Prairie food drive contest will also go toward field trip costs. Nada A moves to approve the expenditure and Mandy M seconds, all in favor.
- Heather said that all SCO board positions are up for re-election for the 2022-2023 school year but that the Vice- President and Fundraiser position most need volunteers because Kate Lennington and Keri Jo Brown will not be able to serve next year as their children will move on to middle school. Keri Jo went over the fundraiser role and Heather and Kate discussed the Vice President role. Kristen nominated Nicole H for fundraiser and Mandy M seconded, all in favor. Mandy M moved to nominate Sarah D for Vice President and Michelle V seconded, all in favor.

Principal Remarks: Kathryn Fishnick

- Ms. Fishnick went over the principal's remarks in Michelle Kelly's absence and said that all of the 5th grade teacher's college literacy education training with Ms. Newman and that Thursday April 14th is dress as a literary character day and that students should wear purple on Friday April 15 to honor military families.
- Forward testing will be the week of April 18th for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students and answered questions from parents regarding makeup days, exemption from testing and test results posting.
- Hoo's Woods Raptor Center will visit Horizon on April 20th and all grades will get to see a presentation with live birds.
- Horizon will have a special guest speaker on Friday April 29 in honor of Autism Acceptance month.

Open discussion/questions for parents

Tara asked if the new school board liaison for Horizon was known yet and Kathryn said that the election was very close so a recount is likely and the timeline is unknown.

Mandy asked about the SCO funding for next year because one of the staff grant requests was for a book vending machine that would cost about \$3,000- \$4,000 to stock with books each year. All students would get to pick out a book on their birthday or half birthday. Heather said that the SCO would check with Michelle Kelly to see if other funding sources are available and that the SCO does have some reserve funds that could also be used. Kate said that it's very difficult for the SCO to make future financial commitments right now because the outcome of the district's Parent Leadership Council (PLC) guidelines for all elementary SCO's in the district are unknown. The PLC initiative and the SCO's control over past and future funds donated to Horizon were discussed at length. The next meeting of the PLC will be May 2nd and the outcome of the vote on elementary SCO guidelines will be discussed at that time.

Heather said the final meeting of the SCO for the school year will be held on Tuesday May 10th at Erin's Snug Irish Pub and the 2022-2023 SCO budget will be enacted at that meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:21 pm– Motioned by Tara and seconded by Evan, all in favor.

Respectfully submitted by Morgan Aten, Horizon SCO Secretary

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