**HEPTA Board Meeting minutes**

10:00 AM, November 9, 2021– HUES cafeteria

ATTENDEES: Alexis Books, Erin Schleifer, Sarah Constantine, Serina Audibert, Candi Fowler, Paula Izbicki

Lexymotioned to call meeting to order at 10:00, Erin seconded–motion carried

Candi motioned to approve minutes,Sarah seconded–motion carried

**PRINCIPALS’ REPORTS**

Paula Izbicki:

* Significant difficulty finding employees – down 6 paraprofessionals despite strong efforts to hire, 2 positions in the process of being filled but more are needed all the time
* Veterans Day – students made a Flipgrid thank you video, 3rd graders will be standing on Drury Lane saluting with flags as veterans leave HUES from their presentation
* PD day on Friday 11/12
* First early release day on 11/23
* Town Hall meetings being done in building on Zoom due to classes still not mixing 100%
* Learning Commons will start to focus on chess in the next few weeks
* Overall kids doing well, staff morale has been a struggle – administration working hard to help as much as they can with this

Candi Fowler:

* The suicide of a HBHS student hit hard last week; support has been available to all who need it
* PD day being done collaboratively (e.g. librarians across all buildings working together, etc.)
* Veterans Day presentation today
* First trimester drawing to a close; grades have been good
* Students seem to be doing well socially and emotionally this year
* Sensory areas indoors and outdoors to help students get their wiggles out
* Administration working to show appreciation to staff

**TREASURER’S REPORT: Sarah Constantine**

* Income: $1500 from various sources
* $539 membership dues paid

**VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR: Lexy Brooks**

* Fundraisers cannot have children involved
* No-sales November fundraiser doing well so far
* Savers has been reaching out to see if we want to do another soft goods drive – may do one in the spring
* HUES Spanish teacher requested $750 for a Spanish food tasting experience, we unfortunately must decline due to our financial position but Candi will ask teacher if she is willing to working with a SignUp Genius forfood item donations from parents instead
* Updated vector logo received from Bob Pooler so we can start our permanent spiritwear store through Zazzle.com soon

**NEW BUSINESS**

* Debbie Caron is willing to spearhead a movie ticket fundraiser through Chunky’s, will try to get this done for December
* January fundraiser idea –winter themed suncatchers/window hangings
* February fundraiser idea – Valentine’s Day cookie kits
* Serina going to try to publicize the things the PTA has historically been able to do but cannot this year due to a lack of funds, in an effort to raise more money

Candi motioned to adjourn at 10:56 AM, Erin seconded – motion carried