

Meeting Minutes

February 7, 2022

The meeting was called to order at 7:32 pm.

**In Attendance: Board Members: Karolina Markle, Kerry Syed, Tara Rondeau
Stacey Plunkett and Cindy MacKenzie District Administration: Jeff Zanghi, Carol Costello, Bob Conroy**

- **Welcome and Introductions**

No New Members

- **Approval of Agenda**

The Agenda was reviewed. A motion was made and seconded and a vote was taken and unanimously approved with no objection.

- **Approval of Minutes**

The Minutes were reviewed from January 4, 2022. A motion was made to accept the minutes and seconded and a vote was taken and unanimously approved with no objection.

- **Financial Report:**

As of February 1st, the balance in the account is \$ 6,762.97. The Yearbook Ad fee of \$124.00 has been paid for a ½ page ad. A motion was made to approve the financial report and seconded and a vote was taken and unanimously approved with no objection.

- **District Administration Presentation: Jeff, Carol and Bob**

Jeff, Carol and Bob came to our meeting to discuss the proposed budget for the school year of 2022-2023. They asked for our support in any way possible. Unfortunately, the costs across all aspects have risen and difficult decisions have had to be made. There are increased building permits and increased birth rates that impact the increased number of students for enrollment in our schools. Also, there has been a dramatic increase in the need for special education services. The needs across the district unfortunately will not be able to be implemented next year. The additions to the budget being recommended are a Literacy Coach for BES and BMS, 1 additional counselor for Tahanto to help with the college prep/internship program and thus opening the possibility of one dedicated counselor for middle school. They invited questions from us as well.

- **Upcoming Fundraiser:**
A Tahanto Day/Night at Brown Rice in West Boylston has been scheduled for Monday, February 28th. The owners of the restaurant have offered to donate 10% of the day's sales to the Tahanto PTO. Kerry will ask Beth to post in the Tahanto Times.

- **Middle School Field Day:**
We discussed the need for a chairperson/co-chairpersons and volunteers to run this event. The budget has about \$2,492 dollars earmarked for Fiele Day expenses.

- **Senior Scholarships:**
It was agreed that we will award (3) \$500 Scholarships to members of the Class of 2022. Cindy will update the scholarship application and forward to Ilene Rodman to be uploaded to the Naviance system for the Seniors to download and complete and submit by April 25, 2022.

- **Yearbook Ad:**
Copy and Payment have been submitted to Beth Esposito.

- **PTO Positions that Remain Open:**
The Vice President position is open. The Event Coordinator position is open. The Fundraiser Chair position remains open. The School Store Coordinator positions remains open. Any interested parties are invited to attend our next meeting or submit their name for consideration.

- **Online Store:**
It was discovered that a rebate check from the previous vendor is being mailed to Tahanto To be discussed further at the next meeting.

- **Request for Funds:**
No new requests for funds.

- **New Business:**
No new business this month.

- **Next Meeting**
March 7, 2022 at 7:30 pm via zoom.
A motion was made to adjourn the meeting and seconded.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35 pm.