December 6, 2023, PTSA Meeting (6:30PM) Gilbert H. Hood Middle School

Welcome/Attendance: Thank you to everyone who attended this evening. It is greatly appreciated! Kristen Ganley, Candi Westgard, Kimberly Young, Jen DiLorenzo, Melanie Curran

Approval of Minutes:

Minutes from the November meeting were reviewed. A motion was made by Candi to approve and second by Jen; all voted in favor of accepting the minutes.

Treasurer's Report:

- Candi reviewed the financials from November.
 - o Beginning Balance 14,440.96
 - o Ending Balance of 14,938.85

Principal's Report:

- Student Activities Sponsored Ugly Sweater Holiday Dance 12/15/23 form 6:00-7:30 Can we use your leftover water and snacks from the teacher's room for our student activities account at this dance? Yes
 - Volunteers are requested to help sell snacks at the dance.
- Holiday Spirit Week December 18 22-Sponsored by Student Council
 - Monday Santa Hats
 - Tuesday Snow/Blizzard/White Out
 - Wednesday Character Day
 - 6th Reindeer
 - 7th Elf
 - 8th Grinch/Whos
 - Thursday Ugly Sweater
 - Friday Pajama Day
- Lottery Tickets for lottery trees and wreaths will also be raffled away at the music concerts. Parents can send in lottery tickets, too if they want.
 - Only Wreaths from a few advisories and Mrs. DiGirolamo will be raffled away at the music concert.
- Be prepared to sell Husky Wear at the concerts on Monday and Tuesday. We can use Square for credit and take cash or check.
- In January, we will start NWEA again. Goal setting will happen with teachers on the team.
- A School Board Member and a person from the Superintendent's office are coming to the next PTSA meeting on January 3 at 6:30.

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New Business:

- Kristen and Candi will go to Betley Chevrolet to accept the \$1000 donation check from them on Saturday.
- We will plan a Staff Breakfast on the 21st. Kristen will create a Sign-Up Genius. Coffee and goodies, creamers.

Old Business:

- Deep is doing a Gingerbread Jubilee for their students.
- Reflections received 4 entries (not many submissions especially where many attended the "open studio"). Jen did send gift cards and thank yous to the Art Teachers.
- Assembly recap- went well, had a great message (kindness, empathy, equality and taking a
 minute to think and put yourself in other people's shoes), there was a video montage. Kids
 responded positively to the speaker.
- We will have volunteers for sellers for the concert.
- Can we sell at a sporting event? We can check the office for dates.
- Kristen will enable the shirts/sweatshirts selling online via cheddar up from the one last year.
- Piano recital went well (for UA). Very special opportunity for students this year.

Adjourn: Candy motioned to adjourn the meeting, Jen seconded. All voted in favor.

Upcoming Events:

- 12/18 Chorus Concert
- 12/19 Band Concert
- ⅓ PTSA Meeting

Respectfully Submitted,

Kim Young, Secretary Pro-tem