The meeting was called to order by Debra Greenway at 7:02pm.

**Introductions of Attending**: Debra Greenway, Merissa Leamy, Ken McKim, Ashley Burgdoff, Tarri Swanson, Ian Pund, Jennifer Mullin, Misaki Curtis, Julia Munch, Erin O’Donnell, Paula Rivera, Irma Nevarez, Mike Tobey, and Tori Peterson

**President’s Report – Deb Greenway**

1. Welcomed everyone.

**Principal’s Report – Jenn Mullin**

1. CAASPP testing for 7th and 8th grade week of May 9th
   * It’s going to look a little different
   * 1st period block
   * 9:07 AM – 11:07 AM M, Tu, Th, Fri
   * English and Math teachers are used to administering it so the other teachers are being taught
2. 9th grade will look a little different
   * Travis Credit union will come on May 6th during PE to teach about finance, spending money, etc
   * On the Monday they will meet in the gym and participate in a game like Life where they will get housing, need to budget, etc.
   * May need parent volunteers depending on how many staff they have available
   * Tuesday iReady English Test for their 10th grade teachers will know where they are at
   * Thursday is a field day
   * Friday breakfast celebration
3. Update on the field
   * PE classes have been using the field for the past week
   * Will open the field during lunch after Family Fun Night
   * Need to take down the rest of the fencing
   * Trying to keep the public out. Appears they are already using it as evidenced by dog poop
   * Will continue to work on the fields
   * April board meeting was cancelled so no update if the bids went out for the other two fields
   * Track and field have been able to use the field
   * Made a temporary shot-put area and long jump
   * Lots of things happening over the summer
     + 2 fields and new gym floor
4. Mask Mandate
   * Today was the first day of the mask mandate being lifted
   * No issues today
   * Reminded staff that it is a personal decision, and we need to support the students and staff no matter what
5. Started master schedule planning for the rest of this year and next year.
6. Have 2 positions open in the math department

* Hired one person and will have more interviews
* Have one open position in English department

**Counseling Update – Jennifer Mullin**

1. New counselor replacing Mrs. Simon-Carlson
   * Lizzette M is coming from MME and is Spanish speaking
   * We have been keeping her in the loop and she has been attending the district board meetings
   * Will be on campus Thursday observing
2. Jackie is in the process of inputting all the course request sheets
   * We have backed filled Mrs. Simon-Carlson’s position for the rest of the year.
   * Nathalie M. will assist with the master scheduling so Jackie can get back to some of her regular duties on campus
   * Michelle Murphy is on campus Monday and Fridays to assist with student support
   * Communicare Health will be on campus Tues, Wed, and Thurs for student support

**Teachers Report (Ken McKim)**

1. Things are starting to get back to normal. Huskies softball with the city league has started again. Great to see old and new administration and staff
2. Liza Lopez (bridge) and Sarah Huminski (science) will be going out on maternity leave soon. Long term sub
3. Teacher’s mood is adjusting and celebrating.
4. CAASPP testing. Some are getting trained and other teachers are familiar with the curriculum.
5. Thinking of how to celebrate the 9th grade at the end of the year.
6. New milestone to wear a mask or not to wear a mask
7. End of year is going to look different
8. Young teachers with new thinking, new ideas, and new energy
9. Message from Carrie Ziser (Art)

*Hi PTO,*

*9th graders in Art are finishing up a wool felting unit and starting on an inflatable sculpture unit! This is the first time inflatables have been taught at Harper. Inflatable art is just what it sounds like- large-scale blow-up forms! It is a chance for kids to make something larger than themselves which is very rare for young people- and frankly, rare for most people. We received a DTA grant to purchase supplies in 2019 but school shut down before I was able to share it with my 9th graders my first year at Harper. I am eager to see what happens and as always with a first time experience, there will be lots of learning (failures and successes) I am sure.*

*7th and 8th graders are working with clay and my new group of Cluster kids are just getting to know the ins and outs of the art room.*

*If you wouldn’t mind sharing with the PTO that the art room is looking for these donated items:*

*-mini glue guns*

*-extension cords*

*-old irons (yes, the clothing kind)*

*One issue that is heavy on my mind is how too many of our students cannot make it through a 50 minute class period without getting a dopamine hit from their cell phone screens. Scientists and researchers do not know what the long-term impacts of addictive dopamine behavior will be on young people’s brains but for certain anxiety and depression are related to it. I am alarmed that our school district is not actively addressing this and I suspect part of the reason why is because so many of us are also equally dependent on the dopamine we receive all day long from our phones. I am grappling with what I, as a single teacher, can do to get people to start learning and thinking about this. If you are interested in some fantastic podcasts to get you started on learning, please contact me!*

**Campus Issues/Updates – Ken McKim**

1. Brand new gate was put in the Harper Garden area to allow wheelchair access. The area was also mulched
2. Gary Pearson and Ken McKim put the gate in.
3. Maintenance and operations did not address the issues and instead the work has been done by volunteers
4. East/West shade trees planted from donations, purchases, and Tree Harper
5. Boulder garden by the basketball courts from the E parking lot was completed from a $5000.00 safety grant
6. Raised garden beds use to be weeds and was neglected. Now growing plants to put back into the Harper landscape.
7. Succulent garden by the bike racks.
8. Work with CSEA to get approval for campus beautification.
   * Supply sprinkler replacement nozzles and volunteers can put them on
   * Ken McKim has been reporting broken sprinklers for years. Water shooting straight up, flooding, and misdirected sprinklers. High water waste
   * Going through CSEA is a lot of work.
   * Streamline the CSEA process would be helpful
   * PTO to send a letter of support
9. Thank Ken McKim for all the work that he does around campus. Thanks for opening classrooms for family Fun Night.
   * Thought he was going to be able to get all the plants labeled in time for FFN but not able to.

**History Department Chair/Activities Coordinator - Mike Tobey**

1. Discussed New Ethnic Studies course requirement for graduation of high school in California
2. Still trying to figure out where to place it in the curriculum
   * + - Maybe replace World Geography as it’s not a California requirement. Mixed feelings on this
       - Will it be a semester long class or a yearlong class
       - Planning year for curriculum and then roll it out the following year
3. Thank you for the new Husky Mascot costume. Was well received around campus.
   * Paula may be able to sew the tail on
   * Working to get someone to wear it during spirit week
4. Spirit Week April 18-22
   * Rally on Friday 22nd
   * Dance on Friday 22nd 4pm – 6pm. Carnival Theme. Early start time to allow more students to attend and less parent chaperones. Parents are welcome to sign up.
   * Haven’t had a dance in a while so everyone is looking forward to it
   * Tickets are $5 in advance and $7 in person. Snack voucher included for ASB card holders
   * Free tickets are available for students in need. Counselors are aware of these students
   * If you know of a family that is not able to attend due to money please reach out
   * Sign up Genius for snacks to be sold to raise money for ASB. Drop snacks off at Harper office by morning of April 22nd
   * 9th grade district dance on May 13th at Harper. Hollywood Theme
   * May 6th movie night

**Parliamentarian Report – Merissa Leamy**

Approval of Bylaw changes:

1. The officers of the PTO and the Executive Board shall be comprised of the following positions and no person shall hold more than one position at the same time:

* President
* Vice President (Membership and Grants)
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Auditor
* Parliamentarian
* Fundraising Chair
* Hospitality Chair

1. We are adding the "Grants Chair" that we had proposed into the Vice President Position. The Harper Board can revisit the bylaws again next year if they decide they would like to separate these jobs.
2. The Parliamentarian presented initial bylaw changes at our March 13 meeting, and we voted and approved these changes tonight.
3. The Harper PTO Board Slate for 2022-23 was presented by the Parliamentarian. We will vote on the slate at our next meeting on May 9th.

**Harper PTO Nominees 2022-2023:**

**President**  Debra Greenway

**Vice President Tarri** Swanson (Membership & Teacher Grants)

**Secretary**   Erin O'Donnell

**Treasurer**Ian Pund

**Auditor**Tori Peterson

**Parliamentarian**       Jenny Sindel

**Fundraising Chair**Ashley Burgdorf

**Hospitality Chair**     Julia Munsch

Non-Elected Positions:

**Listserv**   Damian Curtis

**Website**   Nicole Shankarappa

**Treasurer’s Report – (Ian Pund)**

1. $4200 end of the year assuming that we spend everything. Unlikely that we will spend it all. Great job raising money to get through to the beginning of next year.

**Miscellaneous-**

1. Board Members Graduating
   * Discussed final get together
2. Family Fun Night
   * Volunteers needed
   * Food trucks, musical chairs, big connect four, large Jenga, cornhole, choir and band preforming. Staff vs student soccer game
   * Can look at other games if needed
3. Happy Staff Appreciation Day for Classified staff
   * Place gift cards in their mailboxes this week
4. Teacher Appreciation Week of May 2nd
   * Tuesday May 3rd is the official Teachers Day
   * Wednesday would be best for lunch
   * Dos boxed lunch and will include the entire staff
   * If there is any issue with funds contact Jenn
5. As of this past Saturday, the bike pump was not fixed. Jenn and Deb will follow up

**Approval of minutes (Deb Greenway)** Motion made for March Minutes to stand approved as sent. Ken McKim makes a motion to approve minutes. Seconded by Merissa Leamy. Motion passes.

Next Zoom meeting is on May 9th

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 pm