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, Jenny Sindel, Darcie Hauger, Heather Taylor, and Erin O’Donnell

**President’s Report – Deb Greenway**

1. Welcomed everyone.

**Principal’s Report – Jenn Mullin**

1. Summer School will be held at Harper the week of June 20th through the end of July.
   * More info to come
2. Summer enrichment is happening
   * One time money given for extended learning
   * Quest at Holmes
   * Incoming 5th – 8th
   * Drafting will be offered, woodshop, drama
3. Jump start for incoming 7th grade in August
4. Over the summer the gym floor will be replaced
   * Been a slow transition from the red to the purple
   * Last to be replaced will be the bleachers
5. Update on the field
   * Started rodenticide
   * Turned water off on the sod field to let it dry out so it can be mowed.
   * Then they will continue to maintain it. Concern brought up about making sure the water gets turned back on.
   * Bids for the other two fields will go out in April
   * Work will be done over the summer
6. Misc
   * No timeline to when the gym will be done
   * Summer school would like to use the gym but it won’t be accessible.
   * Explained that the transition from red and black to purple happened in 2010 because the police department wanted to move away from the red and black.
   * Took a vote to choose the new school colors
   * Jenn will follow up on how the rodenticide is being applied

**Sport/Athletic Update – Darcie Hauger**

1. Completed the soccer season. Haven’t had a field for 8 years
   * Temporarily moved the practices to the high school soccer field.
   * We were getting bumped week to week so we didn’t know where we would be practicing.
   * Parents stepped up and helped find a new field at Sandy Motley Park.
   * Didn’t have goals and parents stepped up to get new goals.
2. Track and Field starts on April 4th and we will be able to hold practices on campus.
   * Looking at installing temporary pits until the fields are done.
   * Fence will stay up for track practices. No date to when we can use the fields.
3. Athletics and PE has been very challenging
   * Hopefully the fields will be completed by next soccer season
   * Deb will check in to see in there is any progress on the fields.
4. Mr. McKim – aside from the fields, the internal campus irrigation is a major concern because of the ongoing drought and the wasted water from the broken sprinklers.
   * Irrigation dedicated to the trees
   * Need to move away from turf
   * Use a drought tolerant grass such as buffalo grass
   * Might need to bring in a district specialist
   * Work with the district and the PTO to figure out a solution.

**Teachers Report (Ken McKim)**

1. Teacher’s mood is reserved optimism. Teachers are feeling supported
2. Starting April 11th Masks will be optional but strongly recommended
3. Shared pictures of the frog dissections from Mrs. Huminski’s classes. Profuse thanks to the PTO!
4. Paper, pre-sharpened pencils and Expos, oh my!  Love new Expos!  Thank you!- Kelly Ridgeway (Spanish)
5. The art room is very busy with three new classes getting used to our space and procedures this semester. Those new classes are making tape designs, paper bag mushrooms and papel picado to start off the semester. Our Harper 9th grade artists are busy learning about color theory and mixing paint until they know just how much red is needed to create red-violet vs. blue-violet! It is one of my absolute favorite subjects to teach because it applies to everything from art to home decorating to how you dress yourself each day. We are also learning about why American suburbs are so beige! (Google Chromaphobia if you are curious to learn more.)

Thank you so much for your continued support! Harper families make a huge difference in our school community and I am grateful for the work you do showing up for all of us.- Carrie Ziser (Art)

1. Thank you for the supplies!!! Pre-sharpened pencils are so helpful!

70% of my students improved in math on the i-ready! (some are a few points, up to 33 point increase!)

I keep teaching at harper b/c it is the best!! Great leadership, teachers who care, parents who support, students who want to learn!

From the youth truth survey I see that 7th graders somehow need to feel more connected to school and learn that they have a place at a school too.  How can we do that??? - Jen Fung (Math)

1. 1)My challenges: occasional student behavior in the classroom (but I’ve seen improvement since fall)

2) My joys: The students! Donations from PTO (thanks so much, I am always running out of ink with whiteboard markers)

3) Why I teach:

I love to see socio/emotional/academic growth in the students (and myself as a teacher)

I love to learn (from students, from other teachers and staff)

The English department has been super supportive, I feel a good balance of being both challenged and encouraged by them to continue building skills as a teacher. - Maggie Wu (English)

1. The Nurse and I was wondering if the PTO would consider donating to the nurse’s office like they do to the teachers. What we are in need of is Self Adherent Wrap 2”+5 yards rolls. - Karla Mahoney (Nurse)
2. I don’t know if Harper parents are aware or concerned (or outraged) about the insane schedule at the high school.  Could be coming to us next. - Kelly Ridgeway (Spanish)
3. Thank you for the Jamba Juice Cards and other treats =) – Jen Fung (Math)
4. I am wondering if PTO would be willing or interested in buying some yearbooks to raffle off to students who can't afford the hefty price tag the yearbook has. Is that something they might be interested in? - Sarah Huminski (Science)
5. There will be 6 sections of fetal pig dissections. – Mr. McKim
   * Tree Harper on Friday’s
     + Pre-COVID 30 – 40 % involvement. 25-35 students
     + Now there is about 10 students
     + Didn’t have the students in 8th grade. Maybe not aware
     + Fewer students but a lot of hours
   * Friends of Frances on Saturday’s
     + Pre-COVID 25 -30 people with a couple of adults
     + Now 10 with no adults
6. 12 trees needed for the concrete garbage cans
   * Carolyn Wilson who is a retiring Para educator donated 6 trees.
   * When a staff retires plant a tree with an ID plaque to dedicate to them
   * Garden gate will be free of weeds and mulch. Will have a grand opening at some point
   * Succulent garden’s second year and looking good
   * Summer enrichment 4 weeks at the end of June early July
   * Jump Start Program 1 week in August
   * Hoping to demonstrate campus beautification from start to finish
7. Status on bike pump?
8. High school students are asking to put the discussion about the schedule change back on the agenda

**Next year secretary – Erin O’Donnell**

1. Managing the Harper Beautification Instagram page

**Counselor’s Report (Jenn Mullin)**

1. Mrs. Simon-Carlson has worked with our current 9th graders to help them with their course selections for 10th grade at DSHS and DaVinci. All paperwork was due last Friday, but if their student still has paperwork that needs to be turned in, please have them bring it to the counseling office this week to drop it off.
2. Ms. Orozco and Ms. Simon-Carlson visited Incoming 8th and Incoming 9th grade classes on Thursday, March 3rd. Their course selections for both grades are due this Friday, March 18th in the science class.
3. Any parents who were unable to attend any of the Harper Parent Nights, all videos are available online for viewing.
4. Counselors held two drop-in sessions today for parents to ask any questions they might have about their students and course selections.
5. Counselors will be available Wednesday at lunchtime in the library to help students input their courses in the portal. Courses need to be input by Thursday night.
6. Counselors are reviewing quarter 3 progress report grades and will be connecting with students. We really encourage families to take advantage of Homework Club after school.
7. Our first DBT groups were a great success! Students reported that they appreciated the opportunity to explore strategies in helping them manage their emotions. We are hoping to start our next group the second full week of April.
   * Focus on Spanish speaking students who have experienced a traumatic experience while immigrating
   * Also a grief support group for losing parents.
8. As the mask mandate is lifted, counselors across the district are working together to help support all students with the change. We want to support students they manage whatever feelings may come up for them. Most of all, we want this transition to be a transition of respect and inclusion of all beliefs.
9. On a personal note, Mrs. Simon-Carlson would like to thank the Harper Community, and more specifically the Harper PTO for the support that has been given over her tenure at Harper. The PTO has been so helpful with messaging, supporting programs, and connecting families to support, and she is so grateful to you.
10. Friday is Mrs. Simon-Carlson’s last day.
    * On Wednesday, staff will be planting a tree in her honor
    * Students have been learning a dance in PE class for a surprise flash mob on Friday at lunch.
11. Mrs. Simon- Carlson was also the activities director. Moving forward that position will be separate.
12. Will not be hiring a full-time counselor for the rest of this school year.
13. There is a possible transfer. It will be made official by Thursday and will begin to prep for next year.
14. Back fill to support students
    * Nathalie
    * Michelle Murphy
15. Jackie Orozco will input all of the classes upon return from Spring Break
16. Homework has very low attendance. If more students don’t attend will need to decrease the days
17. 9th Grade Promotion
    * Working on a plan
    * Heather Taylor was nominated to help
    * No Six Flags for any of the schools
    * 9th grade dance for all DJUSD 9th graders held at Harper
    * Waiting to see what the other schools may do
    * Ideas for celebrating the 9th grade promotion
      + BBQ and pool
      + Day on the green
      + Something local
18. Questions that came up
    * Is there a budget?
    * PTO support?
    * Combo of funds?
    * Site council to shift funds?
19. 7th and 8th grade dance in April 11th or 18th
20. Still planning on activities for spirit week in April
21. Open House – Family Fun Night April 13th 5:30pm – 7:00pm
    * School and PTO start to advertise
    * Staff vs Student game of some sort
    * Some classrooms will be open
    * Bands, Orchestra and Choir will be preforming
    * Food truck and Kona Ice
    * Discussed carnival games but are not available
    * Mr. McKim volunteered to tag/flag the different gardens and trees. So that they are more visual for people to be aware of what has been done. Also good for the district to see.
    * Volunteers are needed
    * Invite school board?

**Parliamentarian Report – Merissa Leamy**

1. The Executive board met on 2/28/22 to work on updates to our bylaws. We propose that we eliminate the 2nd Vice President and Historian positions and add Auditor which was eliminated at some point in the past. We have also added Teacher Grant Chair, Fundraising Chair and Hospitality Chair as elected positions. The Vice President will handle membership as well as duties to support the President.
2. The only other change we made to the bylaws was to have the option to hold a position for up to THREE years, instead of two, since Harper is a three-year school. President will still be a 2-year commitment, but other positions could be held for up to three years.
3. 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
* Secretary
* Treasurer
* Auditor
* Teacher Grant Chair
* Fundraising Chair
* Hospitality Chair
* Parliamentarian

1. The Parliamentarian presented these changes at our March 13 meeting, and we will vote on these changes at our next meeting on 4/11/22.
2. We will present our Board Slate for 2022-23 at our April meeting and elect our new board at our final meeting for the year on 5/9/22.

**Treasurer’s Report – (Ian Pund)**

1. On target for $2300.00 for reserve
2. $300 from Jamba Juice and Dos Coyotes
3. $50 from Nugget scrip program
4. $40 from Amazon Smile

**VP Fundraising – (Tarri Swanson)**

1. New Year’s Fundraising 2022 Drive. Goal $3,500 by the end of the year but already have $3763.18.
2. Push for new membership and direct donations.
3. Goal $1500
4. No longer needed as we received $1900 in direct donation in January and February
5. On target for $2300.00 for reserve
6. Push for new membership and direct donations
7. Restaurant Night Fundraisers
8. Blaze Fundraiser goal was $150 and brought in $292.66
9. Dos Coyotes brought in $330.05
10. Chipotle Fundraiser Cancelled on us again
11. Pura Vida Custom Bracelet Sales
12. Will post pone until the Fall
13. Jamba Juice BOGO Card
14. Goal was $800 collected $804
15. 201 Cards were sold
16. Received good feedback
17. Ongoing Fundraisers
18. Farm Fresh to You. $171.34
19. Nugget Scrip was $225.13 and Amazon Smile $40
20. Drawing tonight for 7 Farm Fresh to You $35 gift certificates
21. All members and donors included in the drawing
22. Winners are:
    1. Pamela Beau
    2. Stephanie Teague
    3. Justin Schlageter
    4. Yuriko Howell
    5. Lisa Paradis
    6. Christina Brusca
    7. Cammy Rieger
23. Finished with fund raising for the as we exceeded our goal

**Miscellaneous-**

1. Grants split from fundraising next year
   * Tarri grants
   * Ashley fundraising

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

Next Zoom meeting is in April 11th

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm