

Hillside PTO Meeting Minutes

October 18, 2022 – 7pm, Virtual



1) Call to Order

- a) Meeting is recorded. It was called to order at 7:04pm by Laura. The meeting was attended by Laura Cooper, Anne Dahl, Chris Mills, Jennifer DiDonato, Crystal Richard, Jennifer Crane, Catlin Giguere, Jing Liu, Sowmya, Kristy Luxton, Erika Daly, Jen Hildebrandt, Amy Thayer, Meg Strasburg.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

- a) Last month's meeting minutes are either approved as-is or changes are proposed and discussed. - September Minutes are approved.

3) Standing Business

- a) School Principal Report – update from Mr. Mills. Mrs Luxton is our new academic dean. She will be involved with intervention team meetings, among other things. Hillside currently has around 640 kids so we qualify for an academic dean. Next year's prediction numbers are over 650, which is much closer to what it will probably be than this year's prediction ended up being. Dr Recess is returning. Assembly will be Nov 9 and parents can come. Bus routes may be changing based on stops where no child has gotten on the bus in 15 days. Stopfinder app may be useful. Math Olympiad and Odyssey of the Mind are seeking volunteers. New kids can take the COGAT assessment soon.
- b) President Report – update from Laura Cooper and Anne Dahl. PTO Board had a meeting to discuss the events that have already happened such as this year. Dr Recess was approved by the PTO Board to fund. We will send home a flier this week looking for silent auction volunteers. This year it will be in person, adults only, on March 18.
- c) Treasurer Report – update from Crystal Richard. Nothing has changed much and the movie night did well.

4) Current Committee and Event Updates

- a) Care and Share Committee - update provided by Jen Hilderbrandt and Margarita Bolivar. Next events are appreciation events. Tomorrow is transportation/safety. In Nov, expect parent provided potluck for the faculty. The committee can be reached at hillsidecareandshare@gmail.com
- b) Restaurant Nights/Spirit Days – update from Anne Dahl. Robeks is tomorrow. Chickfila is coming and one other one.
- c) Halloween Family Movie Night Recap - update from Jen DiDonato. Went well. Lessons were learned for next year.
- d) MSAAC Committee - Val Watkins is our representative. She will bring back information about the upcoming meeting.
- e) LEAF Committee - update from Erika Daly. LEAF is a committee to bring parents to the board. Two policies on the table: how to notify parents about sexually explicit material. It is currently very vague. Erika will be reviewing 100 policies a year as part of the committee membership. LCPS has created an Ombuds. Erika can be reached at hillside.leaf@gmail.com. There is a policy that allows parents to challenge materials in the school libraries which has resulted in one book being removed and a couple moved up from elementary to middle school.

5) New Business (including topics to discuss, action items)

- no new business was presented or discussed.

6) Parent/Member Questions and Comments

- a) Cperch is an underwater robotics club that Mr Mills would like to start. It also needs a sponsor.
- b) The lending library has been installed. Built by Jeff Heisler.

7) Adjournment of Meeting

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 15th - 3pm, Hillside Library

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