

Hillside Elementary School  
PTA Meeting Minutes  
June 6, 2017

I. Call to Order by Alex Wells at 7:10PM

II. Minutes (Alyse Heilpern)

- a. Motion to approve by Alyse Heilpern
- b. Second by Coco Sung
- c. May 9, 2017 meeting minutes approved unanimously

III. Correspondence

- a. Provided by Jenn Bonardi
  - i. Thank you note from ESL teacher for Luncheon

IV. Treasurer's Report

- a. Provided by Meryll Kropac
- b. Bank Balance as of May 31, 2017

Checking	\$58,361.90
Outdoor Resources	\$0.00
Money Market	\$1716.13
Games of Chance	\$100.46
Pay Pal	\$512.40
Total	\$60,690.89
- Uncleared Checks	\$5484.02
<b>Final Total</b>	<b>\$55,206.87</b>

- c. See full Treasurer's report for additional details

V. Membership

- a. Provided by Zan Ouyang-no new members at this time. No change

VI. President's Report

- a. Provided by Alex Wells
- b. We had great success during the Month of May. It has been a great month and thank you to all our volunteers
- c. We used the raindate for the Carnival, which was great. Thank you to Margaret Davis for an awesome Carnival and for being a great mentor for me. Thank you to the board that has accomplished a lot this year. We had quick meetings; no conflicts and more importantly I made a great new group of friends. You are all in great hands with Denise!
- d. Volunteers of the Month
  - i. Margaret Davis-for Teacher Appreciation Lunch and Carnival

- ii. Romana Dhanoa- for Teacher Appreciation Luncheon
- iii. Fran and Marisol-for the Mothers Day Plant Sale
- iv. Kim Lewis-for the School Store and Bday Club
- v. Priscilla-for School supplies and Website
- vi. Kelly-for BOE observer
- vii. Nicole-for Box Tops
- viii. Robyn-for Visual and Cultural Arts
- ix. Tracey Blaesser-for Media coordination

e. Installation of New Executive Board

- i. Gifts were provided from the Old Executive Board to the Teacher Representatives and also to Mr. Gramata
- ii. Margaret Davis uninstalls the old Executive Board and thanks them for all their hard work and for completing their term
  - 1. Alex Wells
  - 2. Meryll Kropac
  - 3. Alyse Heilpern
  - 4. Jennifer Bonardi
  - 5. Zan Ouyang
- iii. They all performed their appointed duties and are hereby discharged of your duties on the Hillside School Executive Board
- iv. Alex Wells installs the new Executive Board. Reads statement from the PTA bylaws and they are all declared dutifully installed officers of the Hillside School Executive Board
  - 1. Coco Sung-Co-President
  - 2. John Entrada-Treasurer
  - 3. Joanne Dzama-Recording Secretary
  - 4. Alyse Heilpern-Corresponding Secretary
  - 5. Belinda Lee-VP of Membership

VII. Principal's Report

- a. Given by Mr. Gramata
- b. Thank you to the old Executive Board and welcome and thank you to the new Executive Board.
- c. Thank you to the teacher representatives and Nurse Tseng for the babysitting services to enable families to come to the PTA meetings
- d. We have 13 school days left but some of the busiest days upcoming
- e. Thank you to the 5<sup>th</sup> grade parents we will certainly miss you
- f. This has been my 4<sup>th</sup> year as principal and I am grateful to the wonderful staff, the great parents and most importantly the awesome kids
- g. My job is incredibly enjoyable because of all of you
- h. No updates on teacher placements for next year at this point. There will be shifts due to numbers in certain grades

VIII. Old Business

- a. Hillside Family Skate Night: reported by Alyse Heilpern. What a great night! We had about 60 families and it was awesome to see Mr. Gramata on skates. It appeared that everyone had a great time. We plan to do the event again next year but thinking more of a winter activity. We will look to include a skate lesson as part of the event as well. We donated over \$100 to Memorial Sloan Kettering in memory of Tom Halleran
- b. Carnival: reported by Margaret Davis. We had a great turnout with over 300 families participating. A huge thank you to all the teachers who helped and to all the parents. It was a true team effort
- c. Family Fitness Night: reported by Joanne Dzama. We had a great night it was a positive experience for all who came. We had a conflict with the Kiwanis Carnival so next year we will be sure to stay off that date. I would like to thank Mr. Schinelli and Mr. DelTufo for all their help and to the teachers who came to support the event. Finally a big thank you to Melissa Giordano for providing a yoga session as part of our night.
- d. Mother's Day Plant Sale: reported by Fran O'Sullivan. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped set up and worked the event. The kids love to shop for the plants. We had a good response to the sale.
- e. School Store: reported by Meryll Kropac. We had a fabulous year and made over \$1000 which was much better than expected. We will continue to add new items next year to keep it fresh and exciting for the kids.

#### IX. Committee Reports

- a. Board of Education Observer: reported by Kelly Meyers. She reported on 3 meetings she attended in the past month. First meeting acknowledged volunteers of the LEF. There was a bit of drama with a former candidate of the BOE questioning some of the new initiatives. Second meeting residents who live around Heritage were discussing the new Bus Dept. and parking lot that is supposed to go in this area. Final meeting was an overview of the SEPAC or Special Education Parent group and it's accomplishments this year
- b. 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Committee: reported by Margaret Davis. Thank you to all the families who helped with all the 5<sup>th</sup> grade initiatives this year. Our end of the year activities are underway and kids are really excited. Boat trip is next Wednesday. T-shirts will be given out on Friday. Yearbooks and bags will be given out prior to boat trip. Awards Ceremony and Clap out on last day of school. Balloons have been ordered and we have coordinated with Mr. Battista for music. I think we are all set and ready to go!

- c. Box Tops: reported by Denise Dunton for Nicole. Thank you to all families who contributed boxtops this year. For the Challenge Mrs. Pacheco's class won for the month of May with 654 Box Tops. For the year challenge-Mrs. Pacheco's class came in 1<sup>st</sup> with 1569 box tops and they will receive a party. Mrs. DiPoalo's class finished 2<sup>nd</sup> with 1143 box tops and they will get an ice pop party. Mrs. Wallock's class finished 3<sup>rd</sup> with 938 box tops and they will also get an ice pop party. Maggie Meyer in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade won the individual collection as she handed in 974 personally. She will receive a \$20 gift card to Target. Overall we collected 3590 box tops for the year collecting \$359.00 for the school. This was 79.4% of our goal.
- d. School Supplies: reported by Priscilla Moschella. Please mention that the drive is still going on. Mr. Gramata will include in his end of year report. We are still in progress and have 117 items sold to date. The drive will end on Thursday 6/22 with NO extensions.
- e. Volunteer Interest Sheets: reported by Denise Dunton. Apologize if you received multiple sheets. The interest sheets are due back this week on Friday June 9<sup>th</sup>. Please get them in. We need volunteers for all events and programs. We definitely need someone to take over the website! Current 4<sup>th</sup> grade parents will also get a special sign up sheet for 5<sup>th</sup> grade committees. Right now we know we need chairs for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade committee. Spread the word.

#### X. Comments from Members/Teachers

- a. Mrs. Richmond- this is my 6<sup>th</sup> year serving as a teacher rep to the PTA and I am the happiest I have been in my educational career. I love working here and thank you for all you do for the school!
- b. Priscilla Moschella-It has been a wonderful 12 years here at Hillside and it has been a great ride. This is a wonderful place that I will miss dearly.
- c. Fran O'Sullivan-Thank you to all the teachers and staff. The past 6 years has been great for our family and we are sad to see the kids go. This is a great place for our students to grow.
- d. Zan Ouyang-We will miss Fran and Priscilla. You are both so hard working and you have done a great job. Thank you!

#### XI. Meeting adjourned by Denise Dunton at 8:10PM