

Hillside Elementary School

PTA Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2017

- I. Call to Order by Alex Wells at 7:09 p.m.

- II. Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Margaret Davis
 - B. Second to approve by Marni McNany
 - C. November 15, 2016 meeting minutes approved.

- III. Correspondence
 - A. Provided by Jen Bonardi
 - B. Thank you notes for the PTA faculty holiday lunch and holiday gifts received from:
 - a. Kim Thibault
 - b. Lucia Uibelhor
 - c. Maria Saoraiolla
 - d. Michelle Schoenbach
 - e. Susan Pincus
 - f. Joanne
 - g. Christina Dugan
 - h. Mr. Gramata
 - C. Thank you notes for the books received from the book fair received from:
 - a. Miss DePalo
 - b. Mrs. Damante

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Provided by Meryll Kropac
- B. Bank Balance as of December 1, 2016

Checking	\$49,341.98
Outdoor Resources	\$2,765.30
Money Market	\$1,775.40
Games of Chance	\$100.39
Pay Pal	\$512.29
Total	\$53,140.10

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

V. Membership

- A. Provided by Zan Ouyang.
 - B. We have one new member.
- VI. President's Report:
- A. Provided by Alex Wells
 - B. Volunteers of the month: Nancy Mullins and Heidi Michels for their work on the faculty luncheon; Ellen Bursock and Charo Ghalston for their work on the clothing drive; and Rania Gerges for her work on the restaurant night.
 - C. PTA is looking for someone to chair the school supply committee.
 - D. PTA is looking for a new website administrator.
- VII. Principal's Report:
- A. Reported by Mr. Gramata.
 - B. Thank you for everything.
 - C. He is very excited for the Read-a-thon; even the pie in the principal's face.
 - D. Read Across America week is coming up soon.
 - E. The buddy benches are now outside.
 - F. There has been sickness going around the school. 50 students were out sick on Friday. However, only 15 students were out sick today. There is a fancy sanitation machine used to sanitize the classrooms.
 - G. A SEPAC meeting is scheduled for January 26, 2017.
 - H. Caring Communities: the topic is "mindfulness". On January 27, 2017, students will be making their own glitter jars.
- VIII. Old Business
- A. Scholastic Book Fair (reported by Denise Dunton)
 - a. Coin Drive earned \$1900 and the money was used to make sure that all of the teachers' wish lists were covered.
 - b. Profits from the book fair
 - i. \$1500 Cash
 - ii. \$500 in scholastic dollars
 - B. Hillside Night at a Restaurant (reported by Denise Dunton): there was an issue with getting the check from Anthony Franco's. PTA made \$200.
 - C. Holiday Shoppe (reported by Meryll Kropac): Thank you to all the moms and the dad who volunteered. PTA made \$1400.
 - D. Teachers' Holiday Luncheon (reported by Denise Dunton): Football tailgate style party. The teachers wore their favorite team jerseys.
 - E. Clothing Drive (reported by Denise Dunton): several boxes of clothing to NJ Battered Women.
- IX. Committee Reports

- A. 5th Grade Committee – Reported by Margaret Davis.
 - a. Read-a-thon is underway. This is in place of the 50/50. Students are asked to hand in their forms at the end of the week. There will be prizes as well. All students who participate will be entered into a raffle for a Kindle. Those students who raise \$50 or more will get \$5 Barnes and Noble gift cards. There is also a \$5 school credit prize. The class with the most money raised will have a pizza party. If the “minutes” goal is read then Mr. Gramata will get pied. January 20, 2017 is the last day of the read-a-thon, and will be a PJ day at school. All pledges are to be sent in on January 23, 2017.
 - b. The outdoor bake sale is over until the Spring. An indoor snack sale for February and March is in the works.
- B. Year Books: Reported by Marni McNany. Thanks to Alyssa Lyons and the rest of committee for their work. This year ordering and payment will be done online. In addition, messages on back of the year book will also be purchased online. Ordering will start in January 2017. 5th graders will receive a year book (they will only have to pay if they want a hardcover upgrade). Thank you to those who have submitted pictures.
- C. Board of Education Observer: Reported by Alex Wells. There have been three meetings since the last PTA meeting. There was a presentation at the November 2016 meeting regarding English Language Arts. On December 12, 2016, there was a presentation regarding post graduation and post school planning. On January 3, 2017, the new Board of Education members were installed.
- D. Box Tops: Reported by Nicole Aaron- Wagener. We have received a check for \$879, and covered box tops through November 2016. Contest update: Mrs. Pacheco’s class is in first place followed by Mrs. DiPaola.
- E. Spring Fundraiser: Reported by Margaret Davis. The date of the fundraiser has been changed. The new date is Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Hanover Manor from 6-10pm.. It will be a tricky-tray. There will also be a 50/50 raffle.
- F. Nominating Committee: Reported by Margaret Davis. We are looking for a new executive board. Need all positions except for 1 co-president because Denise Dunton will be staying on. The positions are all 2 year terms.
- G. Multi-cultural night: Reported by Nicole Aaron- Wagener and Alex Genis. Will be held on March 9th. The format will be the same as the past. Please start thinking about performing at the event.
- H. Valentine’s Day Dance: Will be held on Thursday February 16th. There will be a DJ. The 5th Grade Committee will be holding a bake sale and selling bracelets. There will also be a yearbook preview. The flyers should be made soon.
- I. Yard Sale: Reported by Jenifer Bonardi. Will be held on April 22nd. Last year’s yard sale was a great success. We made over \$2,000.

X. Comments

- A. Mrs. Pacheco thanks the PTA for the holiday luncheon and for all the books donated from the book fair. Also thanks the PTA for the holiday Shoppe and for making it so easy.
- B. Miss. Domicolo thanks the PTA for the books donated from the book fair. Also stated that there will be teachers' baskets for the fundraiser.
- C. Alex Wells thanks all the parents, teachers and principal for all their work this year. Please consider volunteering to serve on the PTA board.

XI. Meeting adjourned by Alex Wells at 7:55