

Hillside Elementary School

PTA Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

I. Call to Order by Denise Dunton at 7:05 p.m.

II. Minutes

- A. Motion to approve by Kim Krentcil
- B. Second to approve by Mrs. Pacheco
- C. February 7, 2017 meeting minutes approved.

III. Correspondence

- A. Provided by Jenn Bonardi – no correspondence

IV. Treasurer’s Report

- A. Provided by Meryll Kropac
- B. Bank Balance as of February 1, 2017

Checking	\$54,773.47
Outdoor Resources	\$0.00
Money Market	\$1,775.69
Games of Chance	\$100.41
Pay Pal	\$512.33
Total	\$57,137.90

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

V. Membership

- A. Provided by Zan Ouyang – no new members

VI. President’s Report:

- A. Provided by Denise Dunton
- B. Volunteers of the month: Nicole Wagner and Alex Genis for Multicultural Night and Toni Rogriguez for the Valentines Day Dance

VII. Principal’s Report:

- A. Trep\$ -- there is a lot of excitement. 104 students signed-up.
- B. Student Council and Caring Communities were held last Friday.
 - i. Caring communities – mindful listening.
- C. Today there was a Laser Safari Assembly. The students learned a lot about safaris and had a fun dance party at the end.

- D. Maker's Space update: Not all maker's spaces are the same. He visited South Mountain School in Milburn to observe its maker's space. Mr. Gramata thinks the computer lab can be reconfigured to create a maker's space. On Friday he is attending another workshop with Mrs. Donnelly.
- E. School will be receiving a grant from Hess which involves the donation of Hess trucks and a STEM curriculum.
- F. Looking to forward to the Spring Fundraiser. The teachers currently have 3 tables.

VIII. Old Business

- A. Valentine's Day Dance: Reported by Toni Rodriguez
 - a. Kids had a great time, and overall was a success.
 - b. There was a minor issue with the DJ throwing out prizes and some minor injuries. Next year will suggest handing the prizes out and not throwing them.
- B. Multicultural Night: Email from Nicole Wagener
 - a. Thanks to all. There was a great turnout.
 - b. 11 countries were represented.
 - c. Thanks to Mr. Gramata, Mr. Joe and the faculty for all their help and support.

IX. Committee Reports

- B. Year Books: Reported by Marni McNany. Pleased with the amount of orders and messages. The book is in production. The committee is still accepting pictures.
- C. Art Appreciation: Reported by Coco Sung. Due to the snow days it is still ongoing. Thank you to the teachers who have been very supportive. Coco wrote a curriculum for the parent volunteers to follow. Hoping next year to coordinate with the art teachers to enrich what is being taught in school.
- D. Board of Education Observer: Reported via Email from Kelly Meyers. There was a meeting on March 13th. The teachers of the year were recognized. The budget was discussed. Hope for a 2;1 IPAD ratio for the elementary schools
- E. Box Tops: Reported via email from Nicole Aaron- Wagener. Estimate that we will receive a \$360 check from the spring submission. All box tops collected through the end fo the year will be submitted in October. Contest update: Mrs. Pacheco's class is in first place.
- F. Spring Fundraiser: Thursday, March 30, 2017 at the Hanover Manor from 6-10pm. Need volunteers. Can sign-up to volunteer on the Hillside Facebook Page. 200 people are signed up to attend. Still collecting donations for the wine pull.
- G. Skate Night: Reported by Alyse Berger Heilpern
 - a. Will be held on May 11th from 6-8 at the Florham Park Rink. We will be raising money to donate to Memorial Sloan Kettering in Tom Halloran's memory.
- H. Nominating Committee: Reported via email from Margaret Davis. If interested contact Margaret.
- I. Carnival: no report. Will be held on May 25th, rain date is June 1st.

- J. Yard Sale: Reported by Jennifer Bonardi. Will be held on April 22nd. Taking donations. The collection officially starts the week of conferences.
- K. TREP\$: Reported by Jennifer Bonardi. Everything is running smoothly. Working on public relations part. Need help this Thursday to offer feedback to the students on their business ideas. April 18th from 6-8pm will be the marketplace. We need volunteers. Flyers will be given to all participants to pass out to advertise the market place.

X. Comments

- A. Mrs. Pacheco looking forward to the fundraiser next week.
- B. Lee Pan asked about the possibility of after school programs for younger students.

XI. Meeting adjourned by Denise Dunton at 7:52