

Hillside Elementary School

PTA Meeting Minutes

May 9, 2017

- I. Call to Order by Alex Wells at 7:10 p.m.

- II. Minutes
 - A. Motion to approve by Kim Krentcil
 - B. Second to approve by Joanne Dzama
 - C. April 4, 2107 meeting minutes approved.

- III. Correspondence
 - A. Provided by Jenn Bonardi
 - a. Thank you notes for the teacher appreciation decorations and luncheon
 - i. Mrs. E.
 - ii. Mr. Gramata (all included was a thank you for the wireless mics)
 - iii. Entire Hillside Staff
 - b. Thank you note from the production crew for the wireless mics.

IV. Treasurer's Report

- A. Provided by Meryll Kropac
- B. Bank Balance as of April 30, 2017

Checking	\$62,200.27
Outdoor Resources	\$0.00
Money Market	\$1,727.98
Games of Chance	\$100.45
Pay Pal	\$512.37
Total	\$64,664.83

- C. See full Treasurer's report for additional details.
- D. Vote for Makers' Space
 - a. Before the vote was taken Mr. Gramata gave an explanation of what a makers' space is, and he also showed a short video.
 - i. Makers' space will focus on STEM related concepts, and will give students a space to create and collaborate.
 - ii. Plan is to convert the computer lab.
 - iii. There will be a tie-in to the curriculum.
 - b. Meryll explained that we have extra money in the account which needs to be spent. Would like to allocate \$7,000 towards the makers' space. Items to be purchase include: Little Bits, Makey-Makeys, 3D printer (might be

leased), Lego Education WeDo 2.0, The Extraordinaires Design Studio, misc. supplies and materials.

c. Vote was taken, passed. 44 yes, 0 no, 0 abstentions

V. Membership

A. Provided by Zan Ouyang – no new members

VI. President's Report:

A. Provided by Alex Wells

B. Thank you to all the volunteers—in April we had TREP\$, Earth Day Beautification, Garage Sale and Teacher Appreciation.

a. Jenn and Denise for TREP\$

b. Volunteers of the month: Alyssa Lyons, Marnie McNany & Ryan McNany for the yearbook, and Joanne Dzama for Earth Day Clean-up and the Fruit program

C. We are still looking for a media coordinator for next year and a chair to coordinate the Memorial Day Parade.

D. Next month's meeting has been moved to June 6th (from June 13th)

VII. Vote was taken for the 2017-2018 Executive Board. The vote was administered by Margaret Davis.

A. Nominations:

i. 2 people nominated for the co-president position: Kim Krentcil and Coco Sung.

ii. 1st time a Dad was on the ballot: John Entrada nominated for treasurer

iii. VP of membership: Belinda Lee

iv. Recording Secretary: Joanne Dzama

v. Corresponding Secretary: Alyse Berger Heilpern

B. Current executive board and those running for positions were not permitted to vote.

C. Voting was done by paper ballot.

VIII. Principal's Report:

A. Congratulations to Mrs. Murray on her marriage.

B. Makers' Space, asking students for input

C. PARCC is over for the year, except for make-ups

D. TREP\$ was awesome and fantastic

IX. Old Business

A. Yearbook: reported by Alyssa Lyons: It is done and has been submitted. The 5th graders will get their copies first, and will have for their boat trip.

B. Earth Day Clean-up: reported by Joanne Dzama: It was great. The weather was good. Thank you to Christina Weiner and Kim Lewis and their respective girl scout troupes for helping out. Flowers were planted by the kindergarten door.

- C. Yard Sale: Reported by Jenn Bonardi: It was successful. Thank you to all who volunteered. All the money raised goes to the students.
- D. Staff Appreciation: Reported by Margaret Davis: The theme was Cinco de Mayo.
- E. TREP\$ Marketplace: Reported by Jenn Bonardi: It was successful, a great experience for all the participants. Thank you to Juan for the flyer, and to Denise for all her hard work on the workshops, and to all the parental support.

X. Committee Reports

- A. Board of Education Observer: Reported via Email from Kelly Meyers: The last meeting was on April 24, 2017. The Budget was approved. Public Discussion:
 - i. Concern regarding increase of traffic due to building of the bus depot.
 - ii. Waffle incident at Hillside.
- B. 5th Grade Committee: reported by Margaret Davis: Boat Trip in June. The 5th grade gift has arrived – Husky Matts. Also, there will be a meeting on May 22nd for the incoming 5th grade committee.
- C. Box Tops: Reported by Nicole Aaron- Wagener: Our spring check is \$360. We are only 50% of where we should be, and therefore running another competition. The class with the most box tops will get an extra recess. Mrs. Pacheco’s class is still #1 for the year.
- D. Skate Night: Reported by Alyse Berger Heilpern: 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. Need to sign-up in advance.
- E. School Supply Kits – reported by via email Priscilla Moschella: We are ahead of schedule. Flyers will be going out soon, and the portal is expected to be open from June 1-June 22. Still looking for a chair for next year.
- F. Carnival: Reported by Margaret Davis. Will be held on May 25th from 3-6 rain date is June 1st. There will be a DJ, inflatables, games and Swedes. Pre-orders for the wristband will be \$12 and \$15 day of the carnival. Argyles will not be selling food, so plan B is pizza, \$10 per pie with delivery at 5pm.
- G. Family Fitness – Reported by Joanne Dzama. Will be held on May 12th from 6-8pm. Grades K-2. Thank you to Mr. Schnellli for his help. There will be 5-6 stations, and so far 21 families have signed-up.
- B. Mothers’ Day Plant Sale – Reported via Email. Orders have been sent it. It will be held on Friday, the 12th from 11-2. There are enough parent volunteers.

XI. Election Results:

- A. Co-president: Coco Sung
- B. VP of Membership: Belinda Lee
- C. Treasurer: John Entrada
- D. Recording Secretary: Joanne Dzama
- E. Corresponding Secretary: Alyse Berger Heilpern

XII. Comments

- A. Mrs. Pacheco: Thank you to the PTA for everything – teacher appreciation was great, and she was blown away with TREP\$
 - B. Christina Weiner: PT counsel is looking for volunteers for the High Schools' project graduation to travel on the busses and be on location. It is the night of graduation and lasts until 4am.
 - C. Margaret Davis: At the next meeting the current executive board will be uninstalled and the elected board will be installed.
 - D. Alyssa Lyons: There will be a cake walk at the carnival.
- XIII. Meeting adjourned by Alex Wells at 8:06 pm