



Hillcrest Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 11/13/2019 7:00 PM | *Meeting called to order by* President Pundmann at 7:09 PM

Guest Presentation

Justin Sisul (District 58 Assistant Superintendent for Curriculum and Instruction) ESSA Parent Forum

- Mrs. Rzepka spoke about Hillcrest Points of Pride: Parent partnerships, community partnerships, student partnerships
- Justin Sisul explained Illinois Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA), and the summative school designations (tiers), which are derived from mandated state assessments
- Hillcrest Growth and Achievement data: Looked at data from AIMSweb, ORF, MAP Tests, Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), 2019 School Report Card
- Hillcrest is designated as an Exemplary School on the 2019 School Report Card
- Mrs. Rzepka spoke about ways we support our students, including small group instruction, flexible grouping, targeted interventions, instructional assistants, resource teachers, ELL teacher, reading specialist, social worker, social emotional learning
- Hillcrest presentation will be made available on the District 58 website

Principal's Report

Mrs. Rzepka (Principal):

- Communication Survey- Seesaw was part of the survey. Parents love the pictures and posts to see what students are doing at school, helps keep everyone connected. Parents voiced concern about who can see the posts, if it is adding to screen time, and keeping all students past/present journals organized.
- Part of school improvement plan is implementing monthly reading activities- drop everything and read (20 minutes), December classes will buddy up for DEAR time. Each month there will be a reading initiative. Trying to encourage students to read for enjoyment.
- Hillcrest staff members went to Ronald McDonald House by Central DuPage Hospital to make and serve dinner for families staying there. They learned about simple and easy things that our school can do to help their organization. Will be talking with student council about ways to support Ronald McDonald House. Their pop tops fundraiser brought in over \$55,000. Thinking of contributing to their toy closet via toy drive, collecting cleaning supplies, pop tops. More information to come in Hillcrest Headlines.

Faculty Report

Mrs. Prosser:

- Seesaw Tips and Tricks presentation
 - Reviewed parent controls, changing notification settings
 - Student journals are archived each year
 - Reviewed how posts are categorized and who can see comments

- Hoping to promote better communication between teachers, parents and students

Open Forum

Anne Healy:

- Anne Healy spoke about the new private Hillcrest FB group, now 123 members
- For next year we will try to have a printed calendar of PTA events

Minutes

Secretary Erin Cole presented the minutes of the October 23, 2019 meeting. The minutes were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report (Presented by Andrea Kareem)

The financial report was presented for the month of October 2019.

- Income received in October: \$30,612.36
- Expenses paid in October: \$7,002.74
- Income less expenses in October: \$23,609.62
- Checking Account Balance as of October 31, 2019: \$61,518.81

The treasurer's reports were filed for audit.

President's Report (Anne Healy and Connie Pundmann)

- There was nothing to report.

VP of Marketing (Anna Jackson):

- Blanket fundraiser idea- Hillcrest stadium blanket. Need to decide if we take orders or have them available for purchase. Take a poll on new FB page to gauge interest.
- Need someone crafty to update bulletin board

VP of Ways and Means (Susie Howe):

- Game night (Lindsey Burnette)- spoke about the Game Night Preview packet that is going home. New things for game night include a DJ.

VP of Programs – Academic (Beth Nelson):

- Six Flags Reading will all be online this year, no paper form, will run from November-February, print out certificate in May

VP of Programs - Social (Ilana Roth):

- Holiday shop- needs volunteers, 6th graders to wrap and check out, maybe middle school or high schoolers to volunteer

Unfinished Business

- There was no Unfinished Business

New Business

- Kelly Fallon Wilson provided large Ziploc bags to the 2nd grade classes to keep winter gear organized. There was discussion about whether PTA could provide bags for all students, if hooks could be replaced so they hold the bags better, and could those bags be added to school supply list for next year? It was suggested that we might wait and see how well it works out before we decide.
- Mrs. Smith reported that hook replacement has been previously discussed. Alternate installation methods have been tried. It would be a very involved process.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Healy and seconded by Connie Pundmann at 8:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Cole, Secretary

Anne Healy/Connie Pundmann, Co-Presidents