



Hillcrest Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date | Time 4/14/2021 7:00 PM | *Zoom Meeting called to order by* President Anne Healy at 7:05 PM

Guest Presentation

Guest names and titles: Dr. Kevin Russel, superintendent; Greg Harris and Steve Olcyk – school board members

Principal's Report

Mrs. Rzepka (Principal):

- Shared appreciation for lunch provided for staff
- 10 parents helping to support as lunch supervisors Monday-Friday; 30 community members offered support
- In addition to full time instructions, have also added live specials
- We were 1 of 3 elementary schools that had a remote section for each grade level; remote instruction was being provided for confirmed Covid cases
- Difference now – individualized approach – quarantined students would likely Zoom into normal classroom (“concurrent Zooming”), though would not be for entire instructional day; would be a combination of remote and picking up worksheets for independent work
- Noted kids are respecting request for kids to go home first before returning to play on playground
- Safety topic – encourage kids to walk around building and avoid use of staff parking lot/driveway – reserved for staff parking and bus traffic only, not foot traffic
- Upcoming – summer school registration open now through end of April
- School registration open for new/returning families. All families need to verify residency.
- Student council – secret spy initiative to be introduced in headlines this Friday, supporting west suburban food pantry
- April 23 – virtual Kindergarten roundup – brief introductory video to be sent out
- 26 students currently registered for kindergarten – please reach out to any incoming kindergarteners you know
- Benchmark assessments coming up: May 10-28 (reading/math/language assessments)
- State assessments (IAR) for grades 3-6 were pushed out to fall; grades 4-6 will take IAR in fall, 3-6 in spring of next school year
- Planning to discuss number of students per section at May meeting
- Families encouraged to complete registration
- US Map project by Eagle scout working with Jeff Neustadt – newly painted map on playground for fall
- In need of instructional assistant – job posted on district website
- Shared video of Hillcrest Student Council welcome to board meeting
- Questions for Board members:
- Q: PowerSchool at O’Neill has been a great help; is this something that may be incorporated for 6th grade in the future? Dr. Russel answered – typically not used in elementary school model, though are having conversations with Justin Sisul about possibility of incorporating this at 6th grade level, no decisions have been made
- Email with any additional questions

Minutes

Minutes of the 2/10/21 meeting were emailed with today's agenda. The minutes were approved as presented.

Officers' Reports

Treasurer's Report (Presented by Kelly Fallon-Wilson):

The financial report was presented for the month of February 2021.

- Income received in February : \$879.60
- Expenses paid in February: \$126.16
- Income less expenses in February: \$753.44
- Checking Account Balance as of February, 2021: \$57,937.99

The financial report was presented for the month of March 2021.

- Income received in March: \$1,270.00
- Expenses paid in March: \$1,697.70
- Income less expenses in March: -\$427.70

Checking Account Balance as of March, 2021: \$57,510.29

The treasurer's reports were filed for audit.

President's Report (presented by Anne Healy):

- Nominating committee (Marie Bucklar, Kelly Fallon Wilson, Anne Healy) – submit following officer noms:
 - Co-Presidents - Susie Howe/Beth Nelson
 - Secretary – Laura Litterst
 - Treasurer – Kelly Fallon Wilson
 - Marketing – Jen Ganz
 - VP Academics – Katrina Roeser
 - VP Ways and Means – Katie Wojciechowski
 - VP Social – Lindsey Burnette
- Some additional positions still need to be filled on committees – encouraging new families to get involved
- PTA Council meeting – proposed taking money typically used for April meeting and apply to social golf outing – can have up to 25 people – will open up to people who have volunteered this year and open it up to others from there

VP of Marketing (Anna Jackson):

- No Marketing updates
- Fun Lunch – over \$1200 donated to Angel fund from fun lunch credits; currently processing refunds (over 30 requests); remainder will be carried over with the hopes of Fun Lunch happening next year

VP of Membership (Andrea Kareem):

- Membership has slowed – currently at 136 families (57% of Hillcrest families)

VP of Ways and Means (Susie Howe):

- Marie Bucklar provided updates
- March – virtual trivia night – 53 families register, \$35/family to participate, 47 participated - ~\$1360 net

- Tomorrow – virtual dance party – 49 families registered
- Amazing Race – will be sending out official registration – hybrid of race/scavenger hunt using app called Goose Chase – set of missions to be completed May 14-16 weekend by teams of 3-6; submissions will be entered into drawing for raffle; top families win gift card; cost is \$40/family

VP of Programs – Academic (Katrina Roeser):

- Presented by Connie Pundmann
- Looking for feedback on virtual assemblies – should another be organized?
- No feedback available at meeting; may need to poll teachers and families to determine interest in future virtual assemblies
- Scholarship to be announced soon; last year’s winner is going to assemble video for 6th graders to view
- Supply Kits update (Marie Bucklar) – Sale should go live in next week; using Carlson’s as vendor – used by other area schools and pricing is comparable

Unfinished Business

- There was no Unfinished Business

New Business

- Annette Ohlsen – needs someone to fill in for Variety Show next year; open to ideas for virtual Variety Show; will work on defining specifics of role
- Katie Wojciechowski – asked about possibility of playdate for current kindergarteners since it did not happen at beginning of school year
- Mrs. Rzepka would like to revisit some of the improvements that were discussed pre-Covid at the next meeting
- Discussed possibility of donating unused school supplies
- Per Mrs. Rzepka – delay any organized group gathering – wait until the end of June
- Time capsule – may be good as a 6th grade project – teachers will be polled on interest
- Lauri Smith – thanked for receiving flowers for Asst. Principal appreciation day
- Food truck planned in May for staff appreciation
- Request to remind parents that Jefferson is now drop off and drive off – many parents are parking and waiting causing issues with traffic flow. Mrs. Rzepka to follow up with Kevin re: outcome of village meeting re: this issue
- Issues re: crossing guard directing traffic and causing traffic backups

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Healy at 8:33 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Cole, Secretary

Anne Healy/Connie Pundmann, Co-Presidents