



Hillcrest Elementary School PTA Meeting Minutes

Date / Time 5/12/2021 7:00 PM | *Zoom Meeting called to order by* President Healy at 7:06 PM

Principal's Report

Mrs. Rzepka (Principal):

- A big thank you for Teacher Appreciation Week- so thoughtful, lounge decor was amazing, abundance of snacks, taco truck was a big hit! Variety of gift cards were a nice suspenseful surprise- maybe next time let staff pick instead of luck of the draw to better match interest/likelihood of usage.
- 6th grade events coming up- Clap out, Jackson Pollock, breakfast, grade level composite.
- Field Day June 1-4- details forthcoming, thinking we will need 5-7 parents per grade level- 6th grade wants to lead.
- MAP testing currently 2-6, 1st grade starts next week, K tests the last week of May.
- Registration- still several families that have not verified residency- can't complete the process without this.
- 20 students moving that we know of, 12 new 1st-6th that we know of as of now.
- 2 classes at every grade level except 6th grade will have 3 classes.
- Retirees this year- Kent, Ruth, Bouhuys (May 21 District "Retiree Day")
- KHC almost \$7000 donated from HL.
- West Suburban Community Pantry food drive- so far 1200+ items. Awesome promo videos- kids have been pumped- new video revealing the 4th level this week.
- Instructional Leadership Team (ILT)- Bernard, Silverstein, Carson, Cerny, Skolimowski, La Via
- District initiative to align School Improvement Process with Strategic plan with the goal of alignment from the board room to the classroom, collecting and analyzing data, looking at the root cause and determining next steps to positively impact instructional practices.
- Happiness Advantage- Shawn Achor/Orange Frog Theory District initiative next year.
- Hillcrest fest dates to consider August 24 or 27
- District-wide Meet and Greet Aug. 24, 2:45-3:30pm

Minutes

Secretary Erin Cole presented the minutes of the April 14, 2021 meeting. 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 April, 2021.

- Income received in April: \$ 1,140.72
- Expenses paid in April: \$ 6,108.41
- Income less expenses in April: \$ -4,967.69
- Checking Account Balance as of April 30, 2021: \$ 52,542.60

The treasurer's reports were filed for audit.

- Classroom & school improvement ideas:
 - Replacing the basketball hoops on the far east side of the school- \$4430 to replace two poles and backboards.
 - Tether ball pad to the west of the gardens- 20x20 foot pad poured with asphalt. \$6300 for two separate pads. Waiting to hear about price for one. This might be a good project for us to use as a fundraising goal for Trivia Night and Charleston Wrap next year (and put on hold for now).
 - Playgroup US map is being repainted, planned for July. District will repaint four square and kick ball lines on the playground.
 - Two years ago, PTA gave teachers \$300 to spend on their classrooms. That didn't happen this year but it would be great to bring that back for next year. There are 17 teachers right now.
 - Teacher supply cupboard- a bulk supply of glue sticks, crayons, dry erase markers, pencils. Would be good to do now/in the summer and again in January 2022. We can vote on \$250 now and vote on the other \$250 in the fall for January.
- Hillcrest Fest budget vote: past budget \$3200
- Field Day: \$150 budgeted
- Will put the information in an email once where funding will come from, as opposed to voting at the meeting tonight.
- Will need three volunteers for the audit committee. Andrea Kareem, Jen Haselhorst and Beth Nelson volunteered.

Presidents' Report (Anne Healy and Connie Pundmann):

- Nominating Committee has nominated the following:
 - Co-Presidents- Susie Howe and Beth Nelson
 - Secretary- Laura Litterst
 - Treasurer- Kelly Fallon-Wilson

The slate was approved by a show of hands.

- Thank you to 6th grade families, and thank you to Anna Jackson and Ilana Roth who are moving away.
- Google form with PTA positions will be open through to next year.
- Jim Festle Golf Pro outing event on Friday, up to 25 people can attend, currently at 10.

VP of Membership (Andrea Kareem):

- Membership still hovering around 60%

VP of Marketing (Anna Jackson):

- Fun lunch- refunds were given to those who requested it. Some people donated their credits to the Angel Fund. \$5,200 in Boonli left in credits for next year (if fun lunch happens).
- Kate Jungers will be helping with website and she has some great ideas to clean up the website.
- Jennie Garst and Andrea Kareem will take over Fun Lunch. There's no way of knowing yet if there will be fun lunch at this point.

VP of Ways and Means (Susie Howe):

- Marie Bucklar- Amazing Race: up to 51 teams so far. \$1000 in sponsorships and Dr. Frazier and Reed Mechanicals, donations from registrations was \$700. Going to make a little profit even after prizes. Race will open at 3:00pm Friday and now extended until Monday at 8:00pm. Raffle will be posted on the Facebook page and Mrs. Rzepka will have the list of winners on Tuesday.

VP of Programs - Social (Ilana Roth):

- Jen Haselhorst- Teacher Appreciation Week: spent more this year than budgeted. Could we keep that amount moving forward?
- Katrina Roeser- Regarding Hillcrest Facebook page: figuring out how to make everyone "graduate" with the group (because there are grade level sub-groups).
- Discussion about Hound Dog of the Month yard signs- will we continue next year? Could the teachers distribute the spirit sticks next year?

VP of Programs - Academic (Katrina Roeser):

- Beth Nelson and Girlie O'Donoghue lined up virtual assemblies. Any feedback on assemblies from this year? Any ideas for next year? Will we be able to have live assemblies next year? Mrs. Rzepka responded that we should hold off making plans for now because in-person is much better but we don't know what things will be like next year.
- Scholarship Committee selected a winner- Nick Schmidt-Bailey. Erin Menet will be taking over next year. The winner from last year, Therese Malinowski, created a great video that was given to the 6th grade team.
- School supply kits: Marie Bucklar- sold 60 supply kits so far, sale open through June 15. Will send out another reminder next week. If anyone has a surplus of Kleenex, pencils, glue sticks, or dry erase there will be a drop box at school and items will be added to the teacher supply closet.
- Summer Math Club- same as last year. Modified to be virtual with in-person prize pickup. Packets will be available to print around Memorial Day.
- Tickets will be extended for Kane County and Six Flags. Unused tickets earned during the 2020 season will be valid through August 31, 2021. Six Flags is honoring last years tickets for students who earned them.

Unfinished Business

- There was no Unfinished Business

New Business

- There was no New Business.

Adjournment

A motion to adjourn was made by Anne Healy at 8:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Erin Cole, Secretary

Anne Healy/Connie Pundmann, Co-Presidents