**Hudson PTO Minutes**

Date: February 21, 2018

Time: 8:30am

Meeting called to order by: Julie LeFevre

**Review and Approval of Budget:** Karen Smith

**Review and Approval of Minutes from** January 10th 2018: Amelia Klueter

**Principal’s Report:** Lisa Hilpert-Restorative Circles

**New Business:**

* Title 1, Ms. Aughinbaugh-reviewed her role and the program at Hudson.
* STEM training for teachers, Mrs. Foley
  + Mrs. Foley, Dr. Z and Mrs. Filben attended a 2 week program on S.T.E.M. (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) integration into classrooms. This not only includes creating an emphasis on these subjects but creating cultural/racial/gender awareness in presenting these subjects to students so they can all see themselves in these positions. Also incorporated, are “life skills” How to receive feedback from your peers, etc (book read to children, “Thanks for the Feedback, I Think (Best Me I Can Be!) By Julia Cook.
* Bylaw review and changes, Stephanie Margolis- presented suggestions for changes to bylaws
* Parent involvement, Exec Board- Survey to parents- Survey presented, will create a Google Form to be sent in weekly updates and a paper copy to be sent in Wednesday folder.
* DITTO Donation, Julie Lefevre- Donation made to Hudson School, will continue to reach out in the future
* Care committee, Melanie Long presented by Rebecca Dohrmann- will form a committee who will offer support from the Hudson community for families in need for example a sick/hospitalized child or parent, family going through difficult situations. So as to not invade families’ privacy, families will self-identify when support is needed or it should come from peer interactions, not through the school/teachers/counselor. If you are interested in joining this committee please contact Melanie or Rebecca!

**Committee Reports:**

* Trivia Night update: Jen Gruenenfelder, March 3, 2018- last day to register Feb 23rd
* Golf Event, Chairs: Chett Plegge, Eddie Stechschulte, Dan Fowl (presented by Rebecca Dohrmann) May 19, 2018 at 4:00pm at Normandy Golf Club. After Trivia will begin advertising and sign ups
* Welcome Committee, Rebecca-signs were bought

**Unfinished Business:**

* Playground update
  + Vote to continue planning for future goal of a new playground/outdoor learning space/outdoor amphitheater was passed. Jen Gruenenfelder volunteered to Chair. Amelia Klueter, Chantal Hoffsten, Eric Guenenfelder will join the committee. Goals for this school year:
    - Recruit other parents to join the committee.
    - Hold focus groups with the students and teachers during classroom hours
    - Focus group with parents and neighbors in the community
    - Then receive bids from several contractors
  + In the future we can then create a budget, apply for grants (talk to Ernie who helped with the track), create a timeline, etc
* Equity Committee- Melissa Jackson and Molly Grossman will continue to attend WEB meeting and would love to recruit other parents. Please contact them if interested.

**Comments, announcements and other business:**

* Donation from Warson Woods Running Club/Trot Through the Woods was used to support keeping students active. Mr Cucuru was able to purchase a new pull up bar, pickle ball net, badminton net, and octagon tumbler! How fun!

**Next Meeting:** April 25, 2018

Items we didn’t get to and will be added to next meeting’s agenda:

* **Dance A Thon: Meredith Cipra**
* **Review Committee Chairs and new PTO organizational materials**
* **Nominations for next PTO board election**
* **Teacher Appreciation week**, Chair, Meredith Cipra- first week in May