

Hillendale Elementary PTO
General Meeting
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
6:30 p.m.
Hillendale Elementary School LGI

Attendance: Stacey Carroll, Marya Maki, Kate Givans, Loryn Furey, Christine Sauder, Tara Gundaker, Stacy Gallo, Mike Audevard, Christa Fazio

Minutes:

- I. Welcome and Call to Order: meeting called to order by Marya Maki at 6:35 pm.
- II. Approval of Minutes: September and October minutes distributed. Loryn Furey motioned to approve and Christine Sauder second the motion.
- III. Principal's Report
 - MLK Day: partnered with Blessings in a Backpack
 - Great Kindness Challenge: there will be activities at recess, pledges, and a kindness checklist
 - 5th grade oldies dance coming up March 1. Kids are very excited
 - Hillendale is growing. Currently have 358 students (30 more than last year).
- IV. Finance Update: Budget distributed.
 - Spring Fling is the upcoming fundraiser on May 10th. There will be food trucks, raffle baskets, a movie, and a minimal entrance fee. Stacy Gallo suggested having raffle tickets that would make some of the baskets more affordable to have a chance to win.
- V. Upcoming Events:
 - MLK Day: January 21st from 9-11. There is a weather concern. If the roads are bad, Mike will do rapid calls and post on all outlets. If unable to do it Monday, they will have the students do it on Tuesday during the school day.
 - Stacy Gallo-This is her last year chairing the plant sale on May 10th. She would like to have someone shadow her to train them for the next sale. Christine was going to send Stacy the list of volunteers for the plant sale and have Stacy reach out to them.
 - Mike announced that Longwood is partnering with the district and will be working with the 1st grade.
- VI. Co-President's Comments: None
- VII. Special guest Christa Fazio presentation
 - Christa talked about the launch of the Safe to Say Something program. It is an anonymous reporting app to help prevent bullying. The middle and

high school students and staff received training on how to report and how to look for signs of bullying. There is a parent information meeting on January 23rd at Patton Middle School at 7 pm. Currently, this is not an elementary program but still important for parents to be aware of it. There is more information on the district web site.

- Java with John: It is very low key, and all are welcome to attend. The next one is February 4th at 1pm at the district office. Bring any concerns/questions you have for superintendent John Sanville. There will be another Java with John on March 22nd at 1 pm at Chadds Ford Elementary School.
- Education Foundation: Upcoming Program-Amazing Spaghetti which is a magic/comedy show. It is Saturday, March 23rd at 2:30 pm at Patton Middle School. Christa would like the PTOs to spread the word.
- Long Range Facility Plan: Christa asked if anyone had any questions or concerns about the long-range plan. The long-range plan is a 20-year plan that includes what is expected to be needed at all schools. Christa wanted to make sure people understand that there are many options in the plan and the committee does a lot of research and analysis before moving forward with anything in the plan. Concerns have been raised about outdoor facility options. One parent at the meeting was concerned about taxes going up. Christa was going to send this parent more information and there is lots of information on the district web site on the Long-Range Facility Plan.
- Christa presented a video presentation of technology in our elementary classrooms. The video can be found on the district web site and their Facebook page.
- Christa would like to grow the district's social media. She encouraged using multiple outlets to get information out to parents. Discussion of possibly using the Remind app to let parents know about upcoming events. She is interested in replacing PTO news with a school newsletter with a PTO part. Kate discussed with Christa that she was having difficulty with the PTO web site and Christa said she would help her to work on fixing the problems she was having.

VIII. Adjourn 7:47 pm