

Hill PTO Agenda

Thursday, September 21, 2023- 7pm Meeting

Attendees: Stacy Glass, Rachel Preblich, Sean Hetzman, Alex Johnson, Erin Mitchell, Nikki Bengry, Mrs. Kolber, Mrs. Pawlus, Julie Wishaw, Janelle Tarbunas, Amy Stanfield, Andrea Centi, Kate Hetzman, Katherine Greig, Elizabeth Alva, Alejandra Romera, Brittney McIntrye, Kait Sodermark, and Kelly Bologna

7:02pm meeting called to order

Approval of May 2023 Meeting Minutes– There were no objections to the minutes. These were emailed and posted on school Facebook. Approval made by Rachel Preblich and Amy Stanfield.

Mrs. Pawlus- Did Icebreaker. Had us introduce ourselves and say who our kid is.

President Report- Stacy Glass- Introduced the NEW board. Discussed a quick overview of what's going on this year. Discussed the hope of using money raised at fundraisers and events that current year! We are looking to have ZERO surplus at the end of the YEAR! Looking forward to have your suggestions (Parent/ Student Community) on what money can be spent on. Examples include... Park Benches in the playground etc.

Discussed how there are some great events returning this year and some are looking a bit different. Loves seeing that all the chairpersons on the event committee are all different. Not one person running multiple events. Some events include... Holiday Shop, School Dance, Fun Run is looking different this year... not a color run, Pancake Dinner but not using same vendor as last year. **NEW EVENT- Trunk or Treat at WASS.** Stacy stated that all chair persons for events should share on school website as well as email Leslie to be emailed to the parent community.

Treasurer Report- Went over the budget report. NEW LAYOUT... NEW BUDGET will be finalized NEXT month. Discussed what categories were like classroom enrichment, NEW ...we will be giving money to individual grades and other services and support that the PTO assists with at the school.

Corresponding Secretary- Exciting plans for teachers. We want to try to do something special for the staff monthly... well at least 8 months of the year. In October, Pup-corn Bar for staff in teachers lounge on day of Fun Run.

Rachel and Alex discussed a way parents can easily gift staff. They discussed the website-www.giftcrowd.com. It is a FREE SITE. Teachers have their own website (set up by room moms) and they will earn money towards gift cards of the parents. Nikki, Alex and Rachel to discuss how to role out to room parents/ classes.

Katie Kolber- Teacher Updates- Will share some photo updates from each grade with Stacy and Leslie.

Class/ Grade Updates include...

Kaspari- 1st grade- Very thankful for all the gifts from her Amazon Wishlist. Wanted to thank you to PTO and parents. Been doing Tally Mark Challenges in class.

4th grade- adjusting well to the year. Working on Realistic Fiction- creating believable characters. Writing and Reading overlap nicely for the students.

Kindergarten- Working on School Expectation and how to problem solve peacefully. Becoming Fast friends with each other. Highlight this week- going the Blakes Cider Mill (9/21/23)

Ms. Apol- Holding a Scholastic Book Fair again this year! Dates are 10/23- 10/27 Open to families on the day of conferences as well as right before Halloween Parade. Kids will go during media time as well.

Principal Report- Smooth start to the year. Feeling wonderful about the 5th grade.... This is her first graduating class that she has had since kindergarten.

Bridges- NEW CURRICULUM

Math Night- Teachers have been planning since summer. Event will be FREE on 10/12

Literacy Night will be happening as well this year- DATE TBD

Trunk or Treat- Duel run event... get to know that community before they go to Larson. Will take place at WASS. PTO will have a trunk.

Student Lead Service Project- 2 -5th graders are piloting a service project with the students. (Arden and Larkin) Clean Water Project. Looking to perhaps include students from Costello and WASS to help with service project. The two student will make a formal presentation to the pto and school community at a later date. Project includes school book club where they will all read the same book.

She discussed the theme for the school/ teachers for this year! It is the AMAZING RACE. It is not about the end project but the journey it takes to get there!

Vice President- Rachel Preblich Discuss recent PTO successes as well as things to look forward to (Husky Shirts for newest Husky Pups; Lead Room Volunteers; Trunk or Treat. We have a container in the lobby for all candy donations for the trunk or treat.

Event Committee Reports-

Summary of yesterday's party...Skate World- 299 tickets. Good turnout! Another one in January. The school made \$ 2200+ from event.

Fun Run- Nikki Bengry - No Color Run- Running with the Pack. Classes will come up with their Pack Name and what the money will go towards. Pawlus Note: We are phasing out Husky Teams and moving to Husky Packs. It will be Class vs. Class

Prizes...Pie in the Face, Duct Tape and Slime... Winning teacher to get slimed. These will be done during the two week time period when certain money has been earned.

***Other ideas for future events for prizes (Katherine Greig)- Make principal into a sundae!

On Monday- Students will attend a school assembly kick off. Then there will be a packet sent home with the kids. The website will go live. We will be using the same platform that was used last year. There will be a small signup for volunteers. Event is OPEN to parents. We are currently under budget, Mrs. Pawlus will use some funds for a MASCOT costume for a HUSKY.

Restaurant Nights -Brittney McIntyre Restaurant nights include (October 26) Chuckie Cheese (Starting earlier in the day due to half day), Buffalo Wild Wings, Mod Pizza (December). Gilly's will be taking place in late winter/ early spring. Mrs. Pawlus stated that Gilly's should take place at slower times of year per Gilly's Management. Brittney suggested an idea of doing a "Battle of Mascots" with a sundae named after each mascot. Then there is a competition of which sundae sells the best. Mrs. Pawlus to look into Peach Jar... some people say they can't see the flyers for the restaurant night in their email.

Pancake Dinner Kelly Bologna – Take place on 11/30 with Holiday Shop Preview on same night. Decision to veer away from Chris Cakes – will continue to host a similar event. Will make our own pancakes this year with Ice water, lemonade. Looking to also have an option for vegetarian option instead of just sausage. Mrs. Pawlus suggests having guest flippers... like teachers. For the pancake event will have a raffle of a pizza party for your class. Stacy suggested having a pizza gift card available that night. This way the class will be able to book on their own.

**Katherine Greig suggested maybe using some funds towards the purchase of pancake griddle to be used yearly.

Holiday Shop Kait Sodermark Budget the same as last year and the starting date will be same as pancake dinner. Kids will also go during the school day. Looking to have MORE volunteers, last year was just a FEW set of volunteers. Will use the same vendor as last year. They are consignment based. Already have quite a few items to sell from the FUN FAIR.

School Dance- Amy Sanfield. Starting to build the committee. Currently Amy and Jessica Godfrey. Jessica will make a flyer to be emailed to parents and shared on social media for committee outreach. Former School Dance chair passed on a helpful "how to" binder; will discuss more details as the date approaches (Feb 2024). Currently on the calendar on February 9th. The theme is 1990's. Will have raffles similar to last year. Committee to get with Mrs. Pawlus.

Passive Fundraisers Andrea Centi Will send a flyer to Mrs Pawlus to post in the HOWL

Kroger Rewards

Box Tops

Mabels Labels

Corporate Giving

NO MORE fundraising for COKE REWARDS, AMAZON OR SHUTTERFLY

***We saw an increase with Kroger Rewards last year with doing the contest last year. Looking for suggestions for other passive income.

Spirit Wear -Mishel Gallo not in attendance. Rachel stated updates. Kids should have shirts in time for fun run. Bulk order was placed. Mrs. Pawlus and Stacy discussed having a vintage husky store. This is where kids can get donated husky gear.

Cub Scouts- There was a recruitment event recently that had 17 kids show up to the recruitment event. Not sure of percentage of sign ups. Will need approval from Mrs. Pawlus for Saturday events.(Derby and Rain Gutter Regata)

Open Forum-

-Diwali was discussed. This will take place in the Mt. Vernon Sub on 10/28 in the Larson Field. Will include fireworks that are donated. Looking for someone to do tattoos.

Mrs. Pawlus and Julie W. (Cultural Liaison) to create some cultural inclusive events for the full student community. Being more inclusive.

Adjournment- 8:28pm

Upcoming PTO Events:

Fri, Oct 6 Fun Run

Thurs, Oct 19 PTO Mtg.

Thurs, Oct 26 Dine 2 Donate @ Chuck E Cheese

Sun, Oct 29 Trunk or Treat