



## Hudson PTO Meeting Minutes September 2023

September 12 at 7pm on Zoom

1. **Call to order**
  - a. Introductions
  - b. Attendance- Rebecca Dohrman, Emily Baize, Annabel, Lisa Hilpert, Claire Diemler, Kimberly Robinson, Jill Bundschuh, Allison Aardsma, Julie Tubbs, Sam Snyder, Katy Romine, Maryam Saffaf, Rebecca Oberle, Nikki Winchester, Lauren Goehring, EJ Brace, Caitlin, Sarah Middendorf
2. **Purpose and Mission**
3. **Teacher Spotlight:**
  - a. Kindergarten - 12 kids per class. Kicked off the year with a scavenger hunt. Counting to 100, singing, math manipulatives. Great start to the year!
  - b. 1st grade - Building a collaborative classroom community. Working on adding. Good, solid start!
  - c. Counseling - Comprehensive guidance program. Partnership continuing with Lutheran Family. Social worker 2 days/week.
    - i. "Be You" by Peter H Reynolds
    - ii. "Got Culture" coming up next week
4. **Minutes:** Review from Last Meeting
  - a. Motion to approve Julie T and Nikki W. Approved.
5. **Financial Report from Treasurer**
  - a. Current balance: \$28,822.86
  - b. Outstanding checks totalling \$1066.00
  - c. Vote to approve as presented - motion to approve Nikki Winchester and Lauren Goehring
  - d. Budget was previously approved: There was a formula error. Missed \$1,000.00 Principal's Grant. Add \$250 to income for Dine Out, Book Fair, Walkathon and Pop Up Fundraisers.
    1. Motion to approve Lauren G and EJ B. Approved.
6. **Principal's Report** - Lisa Hilpert (Lisa's Birthday!)
  - a. Smooth start to beginning of the school year. Smallest kindergarten class in Lisa's time at Hudson.
  - b. Family Picnic was new this year. Created as a way to engage kids and welcome families. It was well attended with great weather.
  - c. "Got Culture": Goal is to get kids to think about other cultures and their own. Ex: Last year, we talked about St. Louis culture, Muslim, deaf culture, etc.

- d. Changes to “Mix it up” and “Lip dub”. Lip dub is this Friday and a videographer is coming in. “Mix it up” will be in October.
- e. Elimination of winter party. Committee determined 3 parties were not necessary with everything else that is planned on the calendar. A winter sing along will still take place. Teachers will likely still do fun activities on the last day before winter break. More family events were added to the calendar. If people feel strongly about winter parties, it can be reconsidered. Would we consider polling parents vs waiting for feedback? PTO to include an open-ended question in a survey. Would also like to poll students. Lisa and staff to gauge student interest.

**7. Gratitude Report**

- a. See slides. Thank you for your help!

**8. Committee Reports/Events**

- a. Teacher Grants - Chair is out of town
- b. Beautification - Garden boxes have been prepped.
- c. Hudson Hikes - 10/21 @ Buder
- d. Marquee - Covered
- e. Dine Out - El Indio 9/14; one per month planned
- f. Book Fair - no update
- g. Room Parents - All classrooms covered! Room parents designated in buzz book
  - i. Working on grade level social events to help connect families

**9. New Business**

- a. Communicating with Lisa/Office
  - i. Facilities work orders/reservations for events/repairs - all need to go through correct channels
- b. Class Parties - Will have a seasonal focus, not holiday
- c. Volunteers Needed for...
  - i. Teacher grant committee for WGSD Foundation
  - ii. Teacher Grant Committee for Hudson PTO
  - iii. 3-5th grade chess lead
  - iv. Fall Festival
- d. PTO Closet has moved to the room next to the cafeteria. Please note it includes lots of plates, etc.

**10. Announcements/Questions?**

- a. Upcoming Calendar
  - 9/15 - 5th grade Lip Dub
  - 9/14 - Dine out at El Indio
  - 10/10 - PTO Exec Board Meeting, 7 pm, Global Brew
  - 10/21 - Hudson Hikes 3 pm @ Buder North Park
  - 10/27 - Fall Festival @ Royal Oaks
  - 10/31 - Mix It Up Day
  - 11/14 - PTO General Meeting 7 pm Zoom
  - 3/9 - Trivia Night

- b. Family Picnic Day Feedback: Difficult to attend at lunchtime. Considering moving to an early dismissal day and potentially calling “VIP Lunch”.

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