

**Tuesday, September 14, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting**



1. Call to order 6:34 pm

- a. Introductions: Rebecca Green (5th grade) and Kimberly Robinson (1st grade), who are new to Hudson this year, introduced themselves. Other attendees introduced themselves as well (see below).
- b. Executive Board Officers for 2021-2022
 - 1. President: Erin Rathjen-Decker
 - 2. Co-VP1s: Indra Russell and Abby Schafers
 - 3. Co-VP2s: Rebecca Oberle and Marisa Yoder
 - 4. Co-Treasurers: Chris Jackson and Julie Tubbs
 - 5. Secretary: Kay Horner
- c. Attendance: Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Rebecca Dohrman, Julie Tubbs, James Decker, Niki Winchester, Indra Russell, Rebecca Oberle, Leah Rush, Marisa Yoder, Jen Sharp, Melissa Staetler-Lynch, Crystal Crosby, Mandy Kirschner, Melissa Emerson, Clay Winfrey, Chris Jackson, Angela Haas, Patrick Sablich, Julia Lohmeyer, Ashley Roedemeier, Scott Klueter, Emily Baize

2. Minutes

- a. Reviewed Minutes from May
- b. Motion to approve: 1st Marisa Yoder, 2nd Julie Tubbs, approved with no abstentions

3. Financial Report

- a. June-August balance: \$15,546.42

4. Approval of Bills

- a. Major bills: Field Day \$150, Insurance \$325, Tablet cart \$400, Teacher lunch \$400, Teacher reimbursements \$1700, \$52 Quicken
- b. Motion to approve \$3,027.70 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd EJ Brace, approved with no abstentions

5. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert

- a. It has been a smooth start to the school year with students and staff quickly establishing a routine. Everyone is following protocols including masking and distancing. 2 teaching assistants left and there are minimal applicants and substitutes available.
- b. Students will be allowed to go on field trips with masks on the bus. Students will need to be able to distance and mask at the field trip destination. Necessary events at school are allowed (e.g. conferences). Music performances at the high school require masks and potential attendance limitations. Outside events with a large number of people require masks (e.g. Halloween Parade). We will need to have ongoing conversations about events prior to planning. It is unclear whether we can accomplish an in person Trivia Night with masks and social distancing (Marisa will speak with the Bristol PTO to gauge what their plans might be for similar events).

6. Committee Reports

- a. **Standing Committees**

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- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 1. 2 playdates at the playground were held for incoming kindergarteners
 2. Welcome yard signs were placed for kindergarten and new families
- ii. Box Tops Committee, Meagan Wade
 1. Please continue to scan your store receipts in the app.
 2. If you shop online and have a digital receipt, please email receipt to receipts@boxtops4education.com.
- iii. Equity Committee, Jade Vindette, Carrie Page
 1. EJ reported that there is a new district committee called Equity in Action. The committee is run by Dr. Shane Williamson and will meet next week on Monday
- iv. Beautification Committee, Leah Rush
 1. Jen Marquardt is now co-chair and Michael Shipley joined the committee
 2. A few families helped with clean up prior to school start
 3. Fall cleanup is September 26
 4. The committee is looking into non-profit partnerships
- v. Staff Appreciation Committee, Ashley Roedemeier
 1. We are soliciting family donations to stock the teacher and staff lounge. Information will be provided via email.
- vi. Playground Committee, Allison Aardsma, Emily Baize
 1. Several years ago, a committee was formed and was working with Rock Hill and a playground company. COVID hit when the committee was going to talk with the city in 2020 and efforts were delayed. The playground grant that would provide funding for the Hudson playground is still available. A new playground committee was formed and is working with Rock Hill, the Webster Groves School District and Mrs. Hilpert. The committee is now getting the word out to the Hudson community, Rock Hill and Warson Woods. The committee is working with Rock Hill because there is a municipality grant available that provides \$315,000 for the project. The committee needs 5% of the total grant or approximately \$16,000 to apply for the grant. They are working with the city to apply for a planning grant to work with an architect (landscaping) and to help with public hearings. The committee needs \$8,000 by January for the planning grant (of which \$6,400 will be refunded). The playground fund currently has \$5248 so need to raise approximately \$12,000 more to accomplish the grant submission goals. The committee is trying to raise the funds now for this playground project prior to the current playground needing major repairs.

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2. Timeline for project: Fundraising now, Apply for grant in August 2022 and build summer 2023.
3. If you would like to join the committee, please email HUDSONPTO.wg@gmail.com.
4. The committee has a new website at www.bit.ly/hudsonplay. There will be an email from Lisa going out today. You can donate with QR codes, at the booth at the Rock Hill Fall Festival, donate shoes at school or Rock Hill City Hall or donate monetarily online at bit.ly/hudsonplaydonate

b. Event Committees

- i. Dine Outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 1. September 16 El Indio, October 13 Cyrano's
- ii. Book Fair, Abby Schafers
- iii. Fundraisers, volunteer chairs needed

7. New Business

- a. Pizza sales at Rock Hill Fall Festival, Saturday 10/2, from 12-3pm in the circle drive. Pre-order at <https://go.tjsfundraising.io/hudson> and pick up, or buy in person on site.
- b. Fundraising ideas for fall: We welcome any ideas for pop up fundraising. Please contact the PTO at HUDSONPTO.wg@gmail.com with suggestions.
- c. Suggestion that flocking fundraiser be restarted.

8. Unfinished Business

9. Public comments (General thoughts, questions, concerns)

Adjourn 7:37 pm

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 13 at 6:30 PM Zoom

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