

**Wednesday, October 13, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting**



- 1. Call to order 6:32 pm**
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Attendance: Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Julie Tubbs, Niki Winchester, Indra Russell, Rebecca Oberle, Leah Rush, Marisa Yoder, Melissa Staetler-Lynch, Mandy Kirschner, Chris Jackson, Scott Klueter
- 2. Minutes**
 - a. Reviewed Minutes from September
 - b. Motion to approve: 1st Julie Tubbs, 2nd Chris Jackson, approved with no abstentions
- 3. Financial Report**
 - a. September-October balance: \$12,418
 - b. Income: Escrips and Paypal donations
 - c. \$1000 was transferred to the new playground account
- 4. Approval of Bills**
 - a. Major bills: \$200 for additional teacher gift cards (\$400 over the budget line item)
 - b. Motion to approve \$200 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Allison Aardsma, approved with no abstentions
- 5. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert**
 - a. Teachers are reviewing ROCKS expectations. Returning students need reminders and new students are learning the expectations. When teachers remind them of expectations, they use wording such as "At Hudson we walk in the hallway" and reword in a positive way instead of using "not".
 - b. Every Friday the collaborative learning team looks at the standards and what they really need to work on in the class. Kids are placed in groups based on weekly assessments. Teachers work on how to support kids at all stages of the spectrum.
 - c. Teachers and staff are encouraged to work on self-care. There is still a high level of stress in the adult community. They are also focusing on how we can continue to support students socially, emotionally and academically. It is still not a normal year in school and teachers are focusing on the why and finding the joy in what they're doing.
 - d. Lisa walked around the school with Central Office and was reminded what's great about our school.
 - e. PTO does a good job of making teachers and staff feel appreciated. Two examples are providing lounge snacks and conference dinners.
 - f. Lisa provided details on some of the stressors based on a parent question. These include a new social studies curriculum, ABAR training, and adjusting to a "typical" year (adding back things that were taken off the teachers' plates).
 - g. NWEA testing this year looked good. The MAP testing scores will be available for conferences in November.
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Standing Committees**

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- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 1. Suggestion for a movie night fundraiser where we would rent a theater.
 - 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. Erin, EJ and Jade attended the Equity in Action Committee meeting. The agenda included defining what the committee is and how to move forward.
 2. Next meeting 11/15 at the high school library.
 3. Survey will be sent to students in grades 3-5, teachers and staff next week.
 - iv. Beautification Committee, Leah Rush, Jen Marquardt
 1. 12 families came to clean up and mulch. Mulch was paid for by the district. Rick's Ace Hardware in Des Peres donated pumpkins and mums.
 2. The committee is investigating free tree planting from a nonprofit.
 - 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.
 2. If you would like to donate money to the playground committee, they will provide already purchased drinks or snacks to the lounge.
 - vi. Playground Committee, Allison Aardsma, Emily Baize
 1. \$1400 was raised: fall festival \$1024, magnet sales online \$290, Givens event \$57, direct donations \$125.
 2. Please send in athletic shoes to school for the shoe drive fundraiser. \$1500 will be raised for 700 pairs.
 3. The committee will present on Tuesday to Rock Hill regarding the playground planning grant.
 4. Possibility of a survey to assess where people shop to gather data to approach businesses we support.
 5. If you would like to join the committee, please email HUDSONPLAY.WG@GMAIL.COM.
 6. Website WWW.BIT.LY/HUDSONPLAY.
- b. Event Committees**
- i. Dine Outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 1. September 16 El Indio raised ~\$400
 2. October 13 Cyrano's, Parkmoor in December, Mike Duffy's in January, Chicken Out in February
 - ii. Book Fair, Abby Schafers

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1. Scholastic kick off 11/8
- iii. Fundraisers
- 7. New Business**
 - a. Teacher grants due 11/2
 - b. Fundraising
 - i. A survey regarding family opinions about attending trivia night this winter will be sent out to help inform planning.
 - ii. Discussion regarding whether we should have a fundraising committee as a new standing committee. Volunteers would be needed for this committee.
 - iii. Fall fundraisers
 1. Bingo and Brews at Charleville Brewing Company: Thursday 11/4 from 6-8 pm
 2. Flocking fundraiser will be brought back in the spring.
 3. Ideas for possible 50/50 fundraiser or a cash donation drive
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- 9. Public comments (General thoughts, questions, concerns)**

Adjourn 7:32 pm

Next Meeting: Tuesday, November 16 at 6:30 PM Zoom

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