

**Tuesday, February 9, 2021 at 6:30 PM Zoom
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting**



- 1. Call to order 6:33 pm**
 - a. Introductions
 - b. Attendance: Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Rebecca Dohrman, Amelia Klueter, Julie Tubbs, Niki Winchester, Angela Haas, Mandy K, Shane Williamson, Becky Yust
- 2. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion, Dr. Shane Williamson**
 - a. The district is starting with 6 hours of Anti-Bias Anti-Racism (ABAR) sessions for staff. This Friday there are 2 hour sessions for administrative assistants. Once the semester is completed, training will be provided for custodial staff and other essential staff. The goal is to have long term training for all teachers and staff. The recent district ABAR policy has been approved. The ABAR policy acknowledges that there are issues and discusses how to address these issues. The policy also includes student and staff accountability, curriculum development and equity. A video will be rolled out to staff and an additional video will be rolled out to K-12 students. A social studies curriculum has also been started and is coordinated by Dr. Williamson and Dr. Adams. The district Equity Committee is being revamped. 1 point person will be appointed from each school but anyone can join and there will be community outreach. In response to a parent question, Dr. Williamson discussed possible strategies regarding increasing diverse involvement in the PTOs.
- 3. Minutes**
 - a. Reviewed Minutes from January
 - b. Motion to approve: 1st Julie Tubbs , 2nd Allison Aardsma, approved with no abstentions
- 4. Financial Report**
 - a. Reviewed Budget
 - b. Income received from Usborne book fair and Escrips
- 5. Approval of Bills**
 - a. Motion to approve \$0 in bills: 1st Allison Aardsma, 2nd Amelia Klueter, approved with no abstentions
- 6. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert**
 - a. Black History Month. We Stories was replaced this year by:
 - i. School wide read aloud
 - ii. Decorating doors with people of color who are currently relevant
 - iii. 2 books by Kamala Harris' niece
 - iv. Announcements by 4th graders
 - b. Global school play day last week
 - c. MAP testing will take place this spring
 - d. Spring conferences are the week before spring break
 - e. Enrichment for All is taking the place of Wings. Teachers are posting coding lessons on Canvas. In person enrichment to be determined next year.
- 7. Committee Reports**
 - a. **Standing Committees**

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- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 - 1. Signs were placed in the yards of new second semester kindergartners.
 - 2. Kindergarten information night tomorrow. Information folders placed outside the building
- ii. Box Tops Committee, Meagan Wade
 - 1. Please download the app and scan your receipts.
- iii. Equity Committee, EJ Brace
- iv. Beautification Committee, Leah Rush
- v. Staff Appreciation Committee, Ashley Roedemeier
 - 1. Refills for staff and teacher lounge snacks will be requested in March or April

b. Event Committees

- i. Dine Outs, Indra Russell, Carol Woodruff, Angela Haas
 - 1. 2/23 Amighettis, 3/10 El Indio, April Dewey's, May Parkmoor or J. Greene's
- ii. Book Fair, Abby Schafers
 - 1. Scholastic virtual book fair April 5-9
- iii. Fundraiser, Julie Tubbs
 - 1. Cash raffle and \$475 gift certificate to The Hub, tickets available through March 14

8. New Business

9. Unfinished Business

- a. PTO executive board positions open
 - i. Please let any board member know if you are interested in any position
- b. Teacher grants
 - i. 6 grants received. Total grant costs: \$ \$1,579.32
 - ii. Motion to approve 6 grants: 1st Allison Aardsma, 2nd EJ Brace, approved with no abstentions
- c. Fundraising:
 - i. Pizza sales this spring- TJ's in April
 - ii. Flocking fundraiser- Bought an additional 20 flamingos. \$473 profit raised so far.

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

Adjourn

Next meeting: Tuesday 3/9, at 6:30 PM Zoom