

Wednesday, November 13, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting
Art Room



1. Call to order at 6:36 pm

- a. **Attendance:** Stephanie Margolis, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, Cindy Brace, Angela Haas, Niki Winchester, John Simpson, Scott Klueter

2. Minutes:

- a. Review Minutes from October
b. Motion to approve: 1st Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd Angela Haas, approved with no abstentions

3. Financial Report

- a. Fundraising summary
i. \$5500 raised for the year so far
ii. Pizza fundraiser: +\$23 from prior report
iii. Pending income from Dewey's dine out, Box Tops and Amazon Smile
b. Expenses
i. Items purchased for teacher grants approved at last meeting
ii. Ms. Kelce teacher reimbursement

4. Approval of Bills

- a. Motion to approve \$2186.37 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Erin Rathjen-Decker, approved with no abstentions

5. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert.

Superintendent John Simpson discussed Proposition E improvements.

- a. On 4/2/19, 78% of residents approved Prop E which was for Safety, Accessibility and Space. On 4/8/19, Dickson Hussman was selected to lead the Hixson addition and Hoener was selected to implement improvements at other district schools.
i. Portions of Prop E include a 60,000 square foot addition to Hixson, secure accessible safe entrances for all schools, mitigation of interior and exterior doors and windows, and improving accessibility at all schools.
ii. In winter 2020, the design process will be completed with construction set to begin in spring/summer 2020 and completed August 2021.
- b. In August 2019, Cooperative Strategies was selected for the Boundary Line Adjustment process. They are able to use de-identified student level data to simulate boundary scenarios. There is an Advisory Committee with 1 representative from each school and 3 representatives of the School Board. They will consider natural boundary lines (e.g. large roads, etc.) and groups of students.
i. Focus Group meetings will be 12/9-12/11/19 7-10 small groups will provide feedback on various plans
ii. Boundary line drafts will be composed on 12/16/19 and reviewed at the 1/11/20 School Board meeting.

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- iii. An online survey will be distributed on 1/11/20 and families will be able to plug in their addresses to see what school they would attend in different scenarios. Survey will allow for feedback on various plans.
 - iv. Community open houses will be 1/28/20 and 1/29/20.
 - v. On 2/13/20 the Advisory Committee will meet and on 2/24/20 they will make their recommendation to the School Board.
 - vi. In August 2020, affected families must determine which school their children will attend for 2021-22 school year if their school boundary is changed. Children in school during the 2020-21 school year are grandfathered and can complete through grade 5 at their starting school.
 - c. Many policies are undergoing review, including staff transfer process, student enrollment, school start times and transportation.
 - d. What can you do?
 - i. Stay informed
 - ii. Ask questions
 - iii. Participate in focus groups, surveys and open houses
 - e. <https://mo02202299.schoolwires.net/Page/22959> or go to the Webster Groves School District home page and click on the Proposition E icon in the lower center of the page
 - i. Click on the Bond Issue Time Table tab to access the timeline
 - ii. FAQ section
 - iii. Elementary Redistricting Details takes you to Cooperative Strategies presentation slides (including a timeline)
- 6. Committee Reports**
- a. **Event Committees**
 - i. PTO Adult Fundraiser/Trivia Night, Niki Winchester
 - 1. Saturday, February 1 at St. Elizabeth's, \$25 per person, 8 per table, 80's theme
 - 2. Help needed soliciting donations
 - 3. Next committee meeting December 1
 - ii. Dine Outs, Angela Haas
 - 1. 12/12 Panera/St. Louis Bread Company
- 7. New Business**
- a. Giving Tuesday to support PTO
- 8. Unfinished Business**
- a. Student Grants
 - i. 1 new grant submitted for 5th grade room lighting
 - ii. Motion to Approve: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Erin Rathjen-Decker, approved with no abstentions
- 9. Public comments (General thoughts, questions, concerns)**

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Adjourn at 7:32 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, January 15 at 6:30 PM