

Wednesday, August 28, 2019
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting
Hudson Library



- 1. Call to order by Stephanie Margolis at 6:35 PM**
 - a. Attendance:** Stephanie Margolis, EJ Brace, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, Nicole Overboe, Rebecca O’Laughlin, Rebecca Dohrman, Hannah Mayer, Karen Shoulders, Beau Shoulders, Melinda Christman, Amy Hughes, Julie Tubbs, Niki Winchester, Amelia Kleuter, Indra Russell, Mary Laberta, Angela Haas

- 2. Minutes:** Reviewed Minutes from May. Motion to approve minutes: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Nicole Overboe, approved with no abstentions

- 3. Financial Report:** Erin Rathjen-Decker
 - a. Reviewed Budget for 2019-20
 - b. Reviewed Monthly Financial Activity Reports
 - i. Playground donations will be transferred net of bank/credit fees so the \$500 PayPal donation is \$488.70 to the playground account
 - ii. Discussion regarding Chromebooks and how old Chromebooks go to kindergarten class
 - c. Reviewed Profit and Loss

- 4. Approval of Bills:** Motion to approve bills on Financial Activity Reports: 1st Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd Rebecca Dohrman, approved with no abstentions

- 5. Principal’s Report:** Lisa Hilpert
 - a. Next week Hudson will host 35 regional superintendents. Hype and Harmonies will perform. The emphasis on incorporating student voice at Hudson will be highlighted.
 - b. New performance stage has arrived as a result of a district foundation grant. The plan is to landscape around the stage and incorporate benches. The district will feature the stage this week. Rebecca O’Laughlin asked about accessibility. The plan is to modify the stage for accessibility by another contractor due to more competitive pricing. The stage will be used for performances, author days and for other curricula.

- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. Standing Committees**
 - i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 1. Niki explained the purpose of the committee
 2. Email Niki if you would like to join
 - ii. Playground Committee, Amelia Kleuter for Jen Gruenenfelder (chair)
 1. The committee recently met with district officers. The committee is seeking a district statement of support.

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2. The plan is to apply for a municipal grant next summer in collaboration with Rock Hill. The grant will provide some funds but will need to supplement with corporate sponsors and fundraising.
3. Email Amelia Kleuter, Jen Gruenenfelder if you would like to join
- iii. Box Tops, Stephanie Margolis for Meagan Wade (chair)
 1. New process involves scanning receipts for digital credit. Will require training in the future.
 2. Still send in paper box tops since they are grandfathered for an undetermined period of time.
- iv. Equity Committee, needs chair
 1. Mollie Grossman and Melissa Gebhart-Jackson will meet with anyone who would like to chair
 2. Nicole Overboe inquired what the committee entails. The committee will network within the school district. There is room to shape this committee to fit the vision of the members.
 3. Contact Allison Aardsma if you would like to chair this committee
- v. Beautification Committee, needs chair
 1. Spring event landscaped the front of the school
 2. Rebecca Dohrman explained how documenting service hours such as this determines eligibility for prizes such as free Disney tickets
 3. Contact Allison Aardsma if you would like to chair this committee
- vi. Staff Appreciation Committee, needs chair
 1. Organizes meals during conferences and other events for staff
 2. Contact Allison Aardsma if you would like to chair this committee

b. Event Committees

- i. Pancakes and Pumpkins, Hannah Mayer
 1. October 11 from 5-7PM
 2. \$7 per ticket (pancake price increased \$.50 but ticket price will remain the same)
 3. Crafts and ideas for a game needed.
 4. Solicitations for teacher raffles. Last year raffles raised >\$1000. Raffle signups will be available at school prior to the event so that those not attending have a chance to sign up.
 5. Families can confidentially contact Claire Diemler if they would like to attend but cannot afford the cost.
- ii. Dine outs, Indra Russell
 1. Indra Russell, Angela Haas and Carol Woodruff are co-chairs
 2. First dine out El Indio tonight, September-Bandanias, December-Panera

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3. Please let the chairs know if you have ideas for dine out venues
4. They are considering an experience night out as well
- iii. Book Fair, Nicole Overboe
 1. Fall fair benefits PTO
 2. Spring fair benefits teachers and school
 3. Last year was less profitable likely due to competing Scholastic book order that week and additional book fair
- iv. Cinco de Mayo, needs chair
 1. Contact Allison Aardsma if you would like to chair this committee
- v. Spring picnic, needs chair
 1. Contact Allison Aardsma if you would like to chair this committee
- vi. PTO Adult Fundraiser/Trivia night, Niki Winchester, Julie Tubbs
 1. Contact Niki or Julie if you would like to co-chair
 2. Need to confirm date to proceed with booking venue
 3. Donations will be solicited

7. New Business

- a. Volunteer updates, Stephanie Margolis for Allison Aardsma
 - i. Volunteer sign up went out in Wednesday envelope and Friday email
 - ii. Need additional room parents for several classes
 - iii. Stephanie passed out expectations regarding duties for room parents
- b. Buzz book
 - i. Data being collected
 - ii. Families who want any information unlisted should contact Stephanie
- c. PTO event promotion guidelines
 - i. Stephanie Margolis distributed
- d. Pizza Sales
 - i. Andoro and Sons
 - ii. Target to distribute order forms next week and deliver pizzas in October
- e. Teacher Grants
 - i. Applications open October 1 and close October 15
- f. Student Grants
 - i. Students can apply with their ideas to benefit the Hudson community
- g. Hudson Community Grant
 - i. Any member of the Hudson community (parent, etc.) can apply

8. Unfinished Business

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

- a. Question from Amelia Klueter regarding the institution of Health class. Lisa Hilpert discussed that it is a district requirement to separate Health and PE into individual Specials with a specified number of minutes. Mr. Cucuru is teaching

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both classes since he is qualified in both subjects. Every grade has Health. Library is also categorized as a special now. Lisa will send out an email about the Specials schedule.

Adjourned at 7:33 PM

Next meeting Wednesday, September 18 at 6:30 PM Hudson Library