

Wednesday, September 18, 2019 at 6:30 PM
Hudson PTO General Meeting
Hudson Library



- 1. Call to order at 6:35 p.m.**
 - a. Attendance:** Stephanie Margolis, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, Amy Hughes, Melinda Christman, Hannah Mayer, Emily Baize, Angela Haas, Niki Winchester, Julie Tubbs, Jen Gruenenfelder, Amelia Klueter, Chris Yust, Rebecca Yust, Indra Russell, Sam Pitlyk
- 2. Minutes:** Reviewed Minutes from August, 1st motion to approve by Amelia Klueter, 2nd motion by EJ Brace, approved with no abstentions
- 3. Financial Report,** Erin Rathjen-Decker
 - a. September activity was reviewed
 - b. In June the playground money was moved to its own bank account
- 4. Approval of Bills,** Erin Rathjen-Decker
 - a. The year to date financial statement includes parent teacher conference dinner expenses. Amelia Klueter inquired if we spent all the allotted money for parent teacher conferences. Erin answered in the affirmative. We will rely on donations entirely for the next conferences.
 - b. We received a bill from May from Webster Groves that was included in the most recent expense statement.
 - c. Bills were approved. 1st motion by Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd motion by Kay Horner, approved with no abstentions
- 5. Principal's Report,** Lisa Hilpert and Sam Pitlyk
 - a. Mrs. Hilpert and Mr. Pitlyk gave a presentation about the vision and mission at Hudson. There was a report called "school for today" which outlined what that school would look like. Twenty-first century skills such as communication, collaboration, creativity and critical thinking would be taught to prepare students for jobs that don't even exist yet. The school for today employs responsive spaces, democracy, community, and systemic adaptiveness. The 5th grade room employs these strategies. This classroom concept teaches all standards. Standards are just taught in a different way where students are given a choice and a voice. Call or e-mail Lisa or stop by her office if you have questions.
- 6. Committee Reports**
 - a. Standing Committees**
 - i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 1. No report
 - ii. Playground Committee, Jen Gruenenfelder
 1. There will be an update in the Wednesday envelope describing the status of the playground. The committee is trying to finalize a partnership with Rock Hill currently
 - iii. Box Tops Committee, Stephanie Margolis for Meagan Wade

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1. Box tops have gone digital. Download the Box Tops for Education app, designate Hudson as your school, and scan your receipts to receive credit for Hudson.
- iv. Equity Committee
 1. Needs chair. Mollie Grossman has names of people interested in the committee. She will reach out to those people to determine a new chair.
- v. Beautification Committee
 1. Needs chair. 1 parent expressed interest. Please let Allison Aardsma know if you are interested.
- vi. Staff Appreciation Committee
 1. Needs chair. Please let Allison Aardsma know if you are interested.

b. Event Committees

- i. Pancakes and Pumpkins, Hannah Mayer
 1. Friday, October 11 from 5-7pm. Hannah has reserved the gym. She is recruiting volunteers. She will post raffle items offered by the staff. You can buy tickets in advance or at the event.
- ii. Dine outs, Angela Haas
 1. Second dine out Bandanas 9/18.
 2. They are talking with Pottery Hollow about an experience night out. 20% of purchased items would go back to Hudson.
- iii. Book Fair, Nicole Overboe
 1. No report
- iv. PTO Adult Fundraiser/Trivia Night, Julie Tubbs and Niki Winchester
 1. Looking for additional co-chair
 2. They have called venues and will soon choose a place. Saint Elizabeth's hall is available on February 1st. Shrewsbury community center has dates available as well.
- v. Cinco de Mayo, Dave Powers and Leah Rush
 1. No report
- vi. Spring picnic, Amelia Klueter
 1. No report

7. New Business

- a. Ivory Crocket Run, EJ Brace
 - i. October 19th at 8:30 a.m. There is a fun run and a 5K run. Since this run supports grants for the Webster Groves Foundation, we would like to have a Hudson presence.
- b. PTO meeting format, Stephanie Margolis
 - i. There was discussion about whether there was interest in scheduling speakers for each meeting.

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8. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteer updates, Alison Aardsma
 - i. Please see opportunities under Equity committee, Beatification committee, and Staff Appreciation committee
- b. Pizza Sales PTO fundraiser- Andoro and Sons
 - i. Please enter your order online. When asked who you are supporting, please enter your child's name.
- c. Teacher Grants open October 1, due October 15
- d. Student Grants are available
- e. Hudson Community Grants are available, parent ideas are welcome

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

Adjourn at 7:47 p.m.

Next meeting: Wednesday, October 16 at 6:30 PM