

# HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

## Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2017

The meeting came to order at 8:50 am

Board Members Present: Joanna Herrera, Erin Apstein, Lesly Murray

The meeting minutes from March 2017 were approved.

- Welcome
- **PTC's President's Update:**
  - Used Book Sale - \$600+ made on sale. Donations also to the media center and Cradles to Crayons.
  - Hillside vs. Eliot Basketball Game – Great attendance. \$4,100 made in total which is divided in half between the two schools. Hillside made \$2,000+
  - Barre3 night - \$400 made
  - Talent Show – sold out, very successful event.
  - Staff Appreciation Lunch – May 4<sup>th</sup> – donations requested
  - Festival of Cultures – May 21<sup>st</sup>. 2<sup>nd</sup> annual. Fun event.
  - Calendar Raffle items needed – please consider a neighborhood donation; ex. Gift cards.
  - Last PTC meeting with Superintendent Dan Gutekanst – Tuesday, May 23rd. We encourage you to attend. He will be holding a Q&A session.
- **Volunteer Needs**
  - Staff Appreciation Lunch – May 4<sup>th</sup> sign up genius is full but we still need supervisors on the playground while the teachers are at the luncheon. Cash donations are also welcome. We are trying to offset the cost of a burrito truck.
  - Festival of Cultures – May 21<sup>st</sup>. Approximately 10 countries will be represented. We could use more.
  - Spring Carnival – June 11<sup>th</sup>, 12-4 pm. Need lots of volunteers. This is a community event, not a fundraiser for the school.
  - First grade lunch duty – always need help cleaning the cafeteria.
- **Open Position for 2017-2018**
  - PTC (Co-)Secretary: Lesly Murray and Deb Feldman are stepping down as co-chairs. This could be done by one person. Duties include attending PTC meetings and producing minutes that get posted to the PTC website.
  - Yearbook – no one has volunteered yet. In risk of not having a yearbook if this position isn't filled.
  - Talent Show (**Filled**) – Lesly Murray and Deb Feldman are stepping down. The new co-chairs are April Crawford and Lauren Schneider.

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- UDA – this position has been vacant since last year. It's a great program. Need availability during the day to run the program. Would be great for grandparents, aunt, uncle of a student).
  - Media center – includes setting up the sign up genius for the year (time consuming in August/September and then becomes more flexible)
  - SEPAC Representative – monthly meetings with other school reps and the SEPAC committee.
  - Thank You Committee – 1 or 2 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent volunteers to organize 5<sup>th</sup> graders who write thank you notes for donations to the school (Volante Farms, Barre3, etc.) Notes are written during 5<sup>th</sup> grade lunch time.
  - Walk/Bike to School – Michelle Hoffmeister is leaving. Need someone who can take over coordination of the event and be at school in the morning.
  - Box Top Coordinator (**Filled**) – Joyce McCafferty will be the chair.
  - Grants Committee – individual can train with Jessica Young
- **Vote for PTC Co-President** (filling Joanna's position) – Meg Rosenbaum was voted in as new co-president. Mom of 4 kids. She currently has two children at Hillside and two at home. Meg chaired the parent social event. She developed and implemented the lawn sign program and she was part of the Greene's Field Committee.
  - **School Council positions** – Mr. K. suggested that both individuals running for school council could be members. Sarah Burns and Venessa Jones are the new members.

### **Budget Update (Erin)**

- Yearbook – finalizing numbers
- Talent Show – finalizing numbers
- Basketball Game - \$2,044
- Used Book Sale - \$652
- Box Tops - \$1,560
- Spring Carnival breakeven – not a fundraiser
- Calendar Raffle is a very big fundraiser

### **Grant Review - no grants presented**

### **Principal's Update – Michael Kascak**

- **MCAS** - Chanit List coordinated MCAS. It was the first year for online testing. Aside from one minor glitch everything went very smoothly. Hillside made Level One last year. ELA wraps up this week. Math will begin next week. The test has been shortened to 2 sections instead of 3. All students are using Chrome books to take the MCAS.
- **Building Update** – break ground next September. Meeting about the playground coming up with the PTC Co-Presidents.
  - Three school names under review. Could be a geographical location or person (living or deceased)
    - Leslie Cutler – 1<sup>st</sup> state senator from Needham.
    - Sunita Williams – astronaut who went to Hillside

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- Hillside at Owen Farm - since the current Hillside School will still be used, this name could be confusing.
- 60 people submitted letters to the School Committee with their recommendations on what the name should be.
- The naming committee will be meeting today at 4 pm to make a decision on the name.
- **Trip to Beijing China** over April break. Families from Pollard, High Rock and Hillside, 3<sup>rd</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> graders. 7 students and 9 parents. Mr. Franks joined Mr. K. and the Hillside families on the trip. Mr. K. taught at the school there. Hope to run this trip again next year. Mr. K. shared some pictures of the Hillside group on the trip.

Adjourn

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