

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of April 30, 2014

The meeting came to order at 9:05 am

Attendance was 9 members

Jessica Young opened the meeting.

The minutes from March 5, 2014 were approved.

Committee Updates/Upcoming Events – Jessica Young

Talent Show

There are 33 performers. There are 75-80 students are participating in various aspects of the Talent Show. Rehearsals are this Thursday and Friday, May 1 & 2. Volunteers are needed to sell tickets.

Teachers' Luncheon

The Teachers' Luncheon will be next Thursday, May 8. Volunteers are still needed for this event. An email blast is going out on May 1.

Spring Raffle – Amy Lam

This year there will be two different levels of raffle items. Blue raffle tickets are \$10 each and prizes are valued under \$200 awarded through the School Day Raffle. Red raffle tickets are \$15 each; prizes are valued at \$200 and up. These items will be Spring Fling Raffle items. Each family is given a complimentary ticket which is eligible for the School Day Raffle. A letter (please see last 2 pages of this document) will be sent home with the raffle tickets to be sold explaining the new Calendar Raffle.

Spring Fling – Mary Buffinger on behalf of Jillian Erdos

Spring Fling is moving forward. There are a number of committee heads that need replacements for next year's Spring Fling. Volunteer opportunities are still available.

Hillside School Committee – Mary Buffinger

There is an opening on the Hillside School Council. Hillside is looking for a parent volunteer.

Description – sets educational goals for Hillside in accordance with statewide policies and standards. Led by the Principal, the Hillside School Council is comprised of the principal, teachers, three parents and one community member. The council meets monthly at Hillside on Wednesday afternoons after school hours. Members serve for three years.

If interested, let Jessica, Amy or Mr. K know.

If more than one parent applies, an election will be held possibly at the Open House at the beginning of next year's school year.

Fundraising Ideas – Jessica Young

School Supply Kits:

School Kids Kits is a program through Staples. Eliot, Broadmeadow & Mitchell use this program. This program ships items to the school. Volunteers are needed to accept the deliver and to be available for parents to pick up their orders before the school year starts. Orders are placed online. Feedback Jessica has heard from the other schools is that at times, Staples brand items are substituted if a particular brand is not indicated.

School Tool Box ships the items to the homes. Orders do take a few weeks, so orders would need to be submitted before the end of the current school year. For orders over \$50 there is no shipping fee, but order less than \$50 may incur a shipping fee. Volunteers are needed to organize class lists and coordinate supply lists from the teachers. Feedback Jessica has received regarding this program is that they were very responsive to problems. Mr. K said the teachers would prefer this program so as not to have to deal with storage issues of items being delivered to school.

With both programs the school would upcharge 5-8% to make either one a fundraiser for the school.

Amazon Associate Program

This program is being looked into as a possible fundraiser where you place an Amazon order through a specified link.

Hillside 5K

A Hillside 5K is being considered as a possible fundraiser to raise money for the purchase of additional iPads for the school.

Guest Speaker – Faith Pongor

Faith is a new lead trainer with Reebok's national model program called BOKS (Build our Kids Success) bokskids.org

BOKS is a 12 week before school exercise program that meets 3x/wk for 45 minutes led by a lead trainer. The main goal is to get children moving, active body = active mind. There are no fees involved. Space and volunteers are needed. Given the space restrictions at Hillside, Faith is willing to host the program after school. Other options mentioned were meeting on the K playground and meeting at the Center at the Heights.

Mr. K would like to form a committee to meet, brainstorm and discuss options for the program. Anyone interested in being a part of this committee should contact Mr. K.

Treasurer's Report – Mary Buffinger

Hillside's biggest fundraisers are coming up. All in all the events this year have done well.

Expenses – we are slightly over our budget for enrichment grants. There was a grant submitted for a portable sound system that will have to be tabled for the time being.

Principal's Report – Mr. Kascak

The school improvement plan was presented last night, April 29. The plan will be available online April 30.

Priscilla Cahn is retiring this year after 21 years. She has donated \$1,000 to start a fund to provide scholarships to Lesley Interns. The PTC would contribute a small amount each year to the fund. Mr. K will decide how the monies are dispersed.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:25 am.

Calendar Raffle Details



The Hillside PTC 2014 Calendar Raffle!

Two of the Hillside PTC's biggest fundraising events happen in May – the Calendar Raffle and the Spring Fling. Enclosed please find the raffle tickets for the Hillside PTC's 2014 Calendar Raffle. Through your participation in the Calendar Raffle, you help to raise much needed funds to support the PTC sponsored enrichment programs while at the same time win some great prizes for you and your family. This year we will start with our **School Day Raffle beginning May 9th** with prizes awarded every school day through May 16th and end with the Spring Fling Raffle, on Sunday, May 18th. *****Turn in your tickets before May 9th to have the best chance at winning a prize! Prizes are listed on the back of this letter.*****

Everyone has a chance to win!

PRIZE BLUE Raffle tickets are **\$10 each.**

PRIZE RED Raffle tickets are **\$15 each.**

Every family has the option to enter **one complimentary ticket** (Write COMP on a BLUE ticket) into the **School Day Raffle**. There is no minimum or maximum to participate. Purchase however many tickets you would like. We've included a total of 8 tickets with this letter to get you started. 6 (BLUE) tickets, 1 COMP and 5 for purchase and 2 (RED) tickets for purchase (\$80 total). Tickets will continue to be sold leading up to and on the day of the Spring Fling (look for our table at the Spring Fling). If you would like to buy more tickets, please contact:

Amy Lam
lam_amy2001@yahoo.com - 617-669-5574

Jessica Young
jessicamercer@yahoo.com - 781-956-5876

How it works:

1. Write your name or your child's name and contact # on the back of each ticket. Separate the tickets keeping one half for you, and put the other half along with your check made payable to Hillside PTC or cash in the enclosed envelope. Use the envelope provided and label it "PTC RAFFLE" and send it to school with your child or drop off at the main office. If you'd like to purchase additional tickets, please contact Amy or Jessica.
2. It is important to write your name & phone number clearly on the back of the tickets you return so that we can contact you. Don't forget to keep your half of each ticket so you have a record of your raffle ticket numbers.
3. Don't forget to enter a BLUE COMPLIMENTARY ticket, and write COMP on the ticket if you chose to participate!
4. Winners will be contacted by either Amy or Jessica to redeem their prizes.

The funds we raise through this raffle and the Spring Fling support the many enrichment activities the Hillside PTC supports each year such as the Creative Arts programs, enrichment grants, the Program on Disabilities and the teacher grants for much needed classroom supplies.

Thank You For Your Support and Thank You to our Generous DONORS!!!

Bertucci's Restaurant, Pawsitive Pooch – Sharon Kline, Scarf Therapy, DeMaria Jewelry – Donna DeMaria, Jillery Jewelry – Dina Hannigan, The Kids Place – The Helfman Family, Y3K Tutor in Your Home, Abby Berstein Photography, SkyZone, Fannie Tee's, La Morra Restaurant – The Ziskin Family, Charles River YMCA – Marian Slavin, Comella's Restaurant, Garden Girl Skin Care – Kristin Miller, Algonquin Hotel – The Lam Family, Michael Kascak, Great Wolf Lodge New England – The Bloom Family, Studio Eleven Photography, Boot Camp Boston, Museum of Science Tickets – The Sexton Family

School Day Raffle Prizes – BLUE TICKET PRIZES - \$10/Ticket

Starting May 9th, winning tickets will be drawn and several prizes awarded each school day leading up to the Spring Fling. The winners will be announced over the PA system at the end of the school day. Turn in your tickets before May 9th to have the best chances at winning a prize!

- May 9th: **Win a gift for Mother's Day!!!**
Garden Girl Gift Basket (value \$100) – www.gardengirlskincare.com
Jewelry by Donna DeMaria
Beautiful Hand Knit Spring Colored Scarf by Scarf Therapy
A one of kind Hillside Tie Dyed Type T-Shirt
- May 12th: **Mr. Kascak Ice Cream Party**
One hour SkyZone Indoor Trampoline Park Jump tickets for 5 kids – www.skyzonesports.com
2 Tickets to the Museum of Science Exhibit Hall
Autographed Book - A BLACK HOLE IS NOT A HOLE by Carolyn DeCristofano
- May 13th: **Mr. Kascak Ice Cream Party**
1 Hour doggie playgroup session from Pawsitive Pooch – (value \$26) - www.Pawsitivepooch.info
\$25 Gift Certificate to Bertucci's Needham
A Pair of Earrings by Jillery Jewelry
- May 14th: **Mr. Kascak Ice Cream Party**
The Kids Place 4 Fun in Needham
1 Hour Tutoring Session Y3K Tutor in Your Home (\$105 value) - www.Y3KTutorInYourHome.com
Autographed Book - Autographed Book - A BLACK HOLE IS NOT A HOLE by Carolyn DeCristofano
- May 15th: **Mr. Kascak Ice Cream Party**
Hillside vs. Eliot Basketball Game T-Shirt - Autographed by all the Hillside Teachers and Mr. K
\$25 Gift Certificate to Comella's Restaurant
A Grocery Bag Filled with Goodies from Trader Joe's, Needham (\$30 value)
- May 16th:
Hillside vs. Eliot Basketball Game T-Shirt - Autographed by all the Hillside Teachers and Mr. K
Hillside Backpack filled with water bottle and bracelet
Hillside Knit Hat (Pink)
Hillside Knit Hat (Blue)
Hillside Blanket

Spring Fling Raffle Prizes (Sunday, May 18th) – RED TICKET PRIZES - \$15/Ticket

The following prizes will be drawn during the Spring Fling on Sunday, May 18th. Additional raffle tickets will be available for purchase at the Spring Fling. A drawing will take place every hour beginning at 1pm. You do not need to be present to win but you must include a name and contact number on the back of your raffle tickets so that we can contact you.

- Photographic Portrait Session for an individual or family and one 8x10 print portrait from Studio Eleven in Newton – (\$525 value)
- One night stay at the Algonquin Hotel with Continental Breakfast for two– a luxury NYC hotel (part of the Autograph Collection of Marriott Hotels) www.algonquinhotel.com – (\$500 value)
- One night stay in a Family Suite at the Great Wolf Lodge & Indoor Water Park Resort New England plus (4) Water Park passes – a family fun resort located at 150 Great Wolf Drive, Fitchburg, MA 01420 – (\$300 value)
- A Gym or Pool Party from the Charles River YMCA – www.ymcaboston.org/charlesriver - (\$295/\$375 value)
- One Month Full Access Pass for 2 to Boot Camp Boston - (\$295 value)
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- Presso Fisso Dinner for 4 with wine flight, La Morra in Brookline – www.lamorra.com - (\$228 value)
- \$100 Toward a Portrait Session plus an 8x10 print at Abby Bernstein Photography – (\$200 value)
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