

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2018

Board members in attendance: Amelia Burke, Vanessa Jones, Michael Kascak, Meg Rosenbaum, Erin Vacaro, Heidi Weisel

The meeting came to order at 7:17 p.m.

Approved October 2018 PTC Meeting Minutes from prior meeting

Guest Speakers-

Superintendent Dan Gutekanst-

- Portrait of Needham Graduate- attributes we want our children to have to lead them to success, multi year process
- Sunita Williams School- ribbon cutting with Sunita Williams TBD in the fall, on schedule, no plan for redistricting at this time - SC studying the use of buffer zones for future enrollment allocation, much planning for security at school
- Full day kindergarten- \$2 million budget request for this for teachers and assistants next Tuesday 12/11, teachers rebuilding and refocusing kindergarten curriculum- play based/center based, including Spanish, music, art, technology, hiring 11 teachers, 20 assistants; **January 15 at 7 p.m.- Public Hearing about full day kindergarten** - very much encouraged community to attend to show support

School Committee Member Michael Greis

PTC Presidents' Update (Meg)

- Book Fair- successful 3 days, teachers received books for classrooms, lots of volunteers to thank
- Literacy Night - engaging author Josh Funk, enjoyed especially by younger students, may alternate chapter book author and picture book author for subsequent years to appeal to all grades
- Poker Tournament- appeals to a broader crowd than some other events, unfortunately was a smaller turnout than hoped, will reassess for next fundraising year
- Spirit Wear- surpassed our goal, great selection of items, spring sale will highlight Sunita Williams apparel
- Coming up:
 - Family Fun Night - pajama theme, volunteers needed, Dec. 7th
 - Holiday Shopping Boutique - Proud Mary boutique- Dec. 12th - 10% of sales benefit Hillside

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- Parent Social - Frosty Farewell to Hillside- Sat. Jan. 26th 7:30-11:00 p.m. at the Village Club - now securing Teacher Experience donations
- Next PTC Meeting - Jan. 23th at 8:45 a.m. - more discussion about the use of the new school building

Volunteer Needs (Vanessa)

- Family Fun Night- approx. 25 volunteers needed
- Spring Carnival Committee- Melissa Jacoby and Christy Bird co-chairs - still looking to add to committee

Grant(s) Approval (Seema/Jessica)

- Erin Vacaro - Flexible Seating- \$911.10- 10 backjack chairs and 5 new covers, 2 rockers as a pilot program
- Liz Hitron/Chelsea Bracken- Cricut Printer- \$294.99- share with the staff across the school- labels for bulletin boards, center activities, custom shirts, special ed materials, etc.

Treasurer's Report (Heidi)-

- Book Fair- raised \$2200 instead of \$2500, PTC also provided books to students on need-basis
- Poker Night- raised \$1100 instead of the \$3000 budgeted
- Spirit Wear- raised \$1800, budgeted \$1500 for whole year- 2nd sale in spring will help offset loss of poker night revenue
- Yearbook-incurred costs- to purchase 5th graders refurbished ipods for taking yearbook photos- replaced outdated equipment
- IIOC/annual dues drive- \$1000 in additional donations received- we are \$2600 above what we budgeted for with IIOC, thanks to everyone for their generosity

Principal's Update-

- 5th grade Thank You Committee- Please let Mr. K know of anyone who needs a thank you from the school. Thank you committee can write them a note.
- More discussion about the new school at the next two PTC meetings
- Building resiliency/self-efficacy in the students is a district goal moving forward

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.

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