

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of January 20, 2015

The meeting came to order at 8:50 AM. Board attendance included Seema Meloni, Jessica Young, Lesly Murray, Deb Feldman and Mary Buffinger.

The Dec. 11th PTC Meeting Minutes were approved.

Co-Presidents updates:

- Red Sox Tickets for the May 20th game are sold out—more tickets are available for May 19th—Forms need to be in by January 26th
- This Sunday night is Hillside's Meet up and Skate at Babson.
- Bingo Night-Feb 6th. 6:30-8:00PM. There will be water and snacks with candy prizes.
- Hillside Elliot Basketball Game-March 6th—Committee is looking for parent coaches, and volunteers.

Volunteers needed:

- Bingo Night on Feb 6th— contact Jen Maitre jenmaitre@gmail.com
- Media Center Coordinator Needed: A volunteer needed to take over the coordination of the schedules. Holli will help train. Contact her at Holli Bassin hbassin@gmail.com
- Catalog/Wrapping Paper Fundraising Chair contact-We are looking for a new company that will be able to deliver to homes this will make effort much easier. See Seema.meloni@gmail.com for help or ideas.
- UDA coordinators needed cshusterman@comcast.net or Michelle Hoffmeister mhoffmeister8@gmail.com. UDA coordinators considering grade level leaders with a coordinator to oversee.

Treasurer's update—Mary Buffinger: Not much has changed in the budget from the last PTC report (December). We are staying on track with revenue. We made about a \$100 from the 3 Squares fundraiser.

Grant Committee Update—Liz Lee: there was one application to discuss.

- Approved-Iditarod grant requested by the 5th grade teachers. This is an insider guide to the Iditarod. This grant will integrate the program into curriculum. It is a duplicate from last year. The grant is for \$70.00.
- A discussion followed about the role of PTC in giving out grant funds. We want to encourage new, innovative ideas. But we also want to support repeat grants. The question came up of how we absorb successful grants into the curriculum. Suggestions were made to set aside a certain amount of money to put toward repeat grants that cannot be funded. Also PTC should ask for all repeat grants at beginning of the year so we know what we will be asked to fund.
- The A to Z grant for the think Math books came in over budget. Some money was swapped to help pay for the difference.

NEF update—Michelle Hoffmeister: It is the 25th anniversary of the NEF. Michelle pointed out many important programs at Hillside have been funded by NEF such as, Leslie interns, lazy legs, iPad initiative, Let's build, Mural. Also, Needham Talks program, The Boston Project at the High School and the Divinci Lab at the High School. **Grants are due to NEF by March 19th.** Applications are not too difficult or time consuming so everybody is encouraged. Our NEF school representative is Ms. Miller. There is a celebration for the 25th year on March 13th

and March 14th . On March 13th there will be a pancake breakfast at the High School and on March 14th there will be a celebration in the Divinci Lab at the High school. Also the NEF spelling bee will be on Sunday March 14th at 3:00 pm.

Calendar Raffle Update: Amy Lam presented and noted that we are trying to find donations. Robyn wrote a letter that volunteers could use to help ask local businesses or restaurants for donations. It is a formalized offer letter that volunteers could print and drop off with potential donors. If they agree to donate we will send them a Thank you note that will include the PTC's tax ID number. We will have a link to the letter on the website for volunteers to download. The raffle will take place before the Year End Carnival (June 14) but we may change the name and modify the raffle slightly. Some ideas were having a silent auction for big ticket items, having grades donate baskets of goodies, and possibly a child-made art auction with art that all kids help to create (possibly by grade) with the art teachers.

Meeting Adjourned