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**HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
PARENT TEACHER COUNCIL**

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**HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC Meeting Minutes of December 4, 2018**

**Meeting Date: January 23, 2019**

Board members in attendance: Meg Rosenbaum, Vanessa Jones, Michael Kascak, Erin Vacaro

The meeting came to order at: 8:52am

Approved December 2018 PTC Meeting Minutes

PTC Presidents' Update (Meg)

- Family Fun Night - Early December, lighter attendance than previous years. For future need to reevaluate: May change to another time of year since December is a challenging month for many.
- Winter Parent Social - Coming up on Saturday. One of the biggest fundraisers of the year. Great teacher/faculty experiences available at the silent auction.
- Red Sox Tickets/Providence Bruins Tickets - Tickets available now. Come see the current world champs! Hillside Night at Fenway; Red Sox game May 14th . Ticket sales end Jan 28<sup>th</sup>. Needham Night @ the Providence Bruins game- March 10<sup>th</sup> . Tickets on sale now. All kids get free popcorn, fountain drink and hat.
- Coming up: Bingo Night (Feb. 1)- One of Hillside's most popular events! \$3 entry fee but every child leaves with a candy bar. Box Tops Contest (Feb. 11-15), Start collecting and stay tuned for more information as we may change the contest for this box top drive to reenergize it. Used Book Sale (March 5-6) – This book sale mission is to simply promote the love of reading. We will be collecting books from the community and sell them here for \$.25 and up. Collections are starting now and will continue thru the sale.

Volunteer Needs (Vanessa)

- Bingo Night! SUG -Such a fun night, need volunteers, set-up, entrance fee takers, clean up; all positions open
- Yearbook (pictures) -Desperately need pictures for the yearbook. Class pictures, or group shots. We would like to have 3-4 kids per picture to make sure every student is represented. Don't forget field trips and school events.
- First grade lunch duty -Spots available. Such a fun opportunity to see your child mid-day.

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Budget Update (Heidi/Meg)

Dues number continues to grow from late incoming donations and company matches. This is thanks to everyone's generosity. Family Fun night cost \$300 over our anticipated amount due to low turnout.

- Own Your Peace - The PTC made a \$750 donation to Own your Peace. A Needham High School program that started 5 years ago to inspire us to support our own and each other's well-being. The OYP group will be partnering with a few Hillside Cluster groups in the spring to discuss social/emotional well-being.
- Needham History Center - PTC made a \$100 donation to the NHC (which maintains the Old Schoolhouse on Central Ave).

Meeting Comment via Ms. Vacaro : Representing the Professional Development Family Engagement Equity Group. "Next night meeting would we be able to live stream it?"  
- This will be looked into further via PTC and Ms. Vacaro.

[Grant Review] [No Grants this Cycle]

Principal's Update – Michael Kascak

Sunita Williams update: Busy construction zone. On target for the June 14<sup>th</sup> completion date! The building is coming along beautifully, with integrated special education spaces, flexible extended learning space (complete with green screens), outdoor learning areas, and more parking.

School year will start as planned in new building and will aim to have an "official grand opening celebration" sometime in October.

The meeting adjourned at 9:57am

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