

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of January 25, 2017

The meeting came to order at 8:45 am

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

The meeting minutes from December 2016 were approved.

- Welcome
- PTC Presidents' Update
 - Winter Parent Social – huge success, numbers still being totaled but we believe the event raised at least \$6,000 for the PTC. Auction items were a huge hit!
 - Meet Up & Skate – well attended and lots of fun
 - Coming up: Bertucci's fundraiser (Jan 24 & 26), Bingo Night (Feb. 3), Launch Fundraiser (Feb. 14 ERD)
 - Used Book Sale (March 7-8)
 - Hillside v. Eliot Basketball Game (March 17)
- Volunteer Needs
 - Bingo Night – SUG
 - Yearbook – tutorial on how to upload pics – we need your pictures!!!
 - Basketball players for the Hillside Eliot basketball game
 - Talent Show – volunteers needed to make the night a success. SUG coming
 - First grade lunch duty – parents always needed to help
 - Media center : critical needs:
 - Cohen (AM)
 - Katz (grade 4)
 - Watts (grade 2)
 - Miceli (AM & PM)

Budget Update (Erin)

- Bingo Night – numbers finalized ended up positive \$369.00 (community event geared to break even so this was a success)
- Winter Social – Heidi is in the process of finalizing final numbers as she received reimbursement receipts but estimated that the social netted \$8,073 this year. This was above what we expected to raise.

Grant Review (Jessica Young & Robin Gamrath Schauman)

- Approved grant for Christina Tarantino for all classes and grades, Reading A to Z in the amount of \$109.95.
- Approved grant for George Goneconto for second grade classrooms, 24 noise cancelling headphones (due to large size of second grade classes) in the amount of \$359.52.

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- Approved Chanit List and Erin Vacaro's grant for fidget tools in the amount of \$142.00.
- Conditionally approved Erin Vacaro's grant for noise cancelling headphone to be available for all grades; Erin Vacaro to update and resubmit grant application with number of noise cancelling headphones needed after looking at it from a whole school perspective. Board may vote to approve specific numbers and PTC voted to approve the grant subject to determining the appropriate number to order.

Principal's Update – Michael Kascak

- Safety Issues and traffic outside the school. Some parents are letting kids out of their cars while they are in the drive up line and then pulling out of the line. This is extremely dangerous. Please seek better alternatives.
 - Some drivers are unsafe at the crossing guard post on West St. They are being rude to the crossing guard and not following the instruction to turn right out of Glen Gary. If this continues to be a problem, we will explore turning this into a permanent right turn only.
 - Please tell students to relay this information to their parents and caregivers.
 - Mr. K. intends to send a list serve note out to all parents covering this safety issue.
- Mr. K. discussed a visit to Washington where a group met with Joe Kennedy. A lot of information was shared and discussed related to public education. The future implementation of the Every Student Succeeds Act is at stake. There will be a future PTC meeting held to discuss these topics.

Speaker: Jon Mattleman – Jon covered many relevant topics that our youth are faced with including social media, pressures around academics, suicide rates, etc.

Adjourn

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