

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of March 5, 2019

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

The meeting came to order at 7:22 p.m.

Q&A with Michael Greis, Hillside's Liaison to the School Committee

- Hillside Eliot basketball game- high school gym will be available for use for event next year
- Additional teacher needed for next year (Grade 5) - should be approved in next town meeting budget
- Precinct F and J have seats open for town meeting- election coming up

Mr. K updates on Sunita Williams School construction

- Heating system going in soon
- On schedule
- Biggest challenge is the move to the new building while teaching
- Sunita Williams School will be LEED Silver building
- Parent help needed in June so teachers can pack classrooms - updates to come

Social-Emotional Learning Initiatives- Margaret Petrovich

- New standards for Social Emotional learning in 2019-2020 year
- Hillside rep to committee which meets regularly to promote SE learning in all Needham schools
- 5 Social Emotional Learning Competencies (self-awareness, self-management, social awareness, relationship skills, responsible decision making) adapted at appropriate grade levels
- Will be reflected on revised elementary report cards
- Ties in community service, anti bias work, Portrait of a Graduate
- More information will come before the report cards debut
- One book with an important social emotional theme, read in clusters, throughout the school, for each year- emphasis on kindness (Because Amelia Smiled, Red: A Crayon's Story, Painted Words, Courage)
- Own Your Peace- Needham High School group comes to Clusters (smaller multi-age groups) at Hillside - promotes mental health, resilience, powerful modeling by older teenagers
- music at Morning Mingle to reduce anxiety and welcome students
- mindfulness and yoga in many classrooms
- Ties into message of kindness at Hillside

- Parents encouraged to listen, validate, model, and meet their child's social emotional needs

Approved January 2019 PTC Meeting Minutes

PTC Presidents' Update (Meg)

- Bingo Night (2/1) - fun, popular event, need new coordinator for next year
- Used Book Sale (3/5-3/6) - all proceeds benefit the Media Center
- Parent Cyclebar Event (3/28) - new event, 7 pm, \$25, 100% benefits PTC, drinks at the Local after, sign up in PTC blast
- Talent Show (4/5)- volunteers needed, sign up genius, many kids interested
- Providence Bruins game 3/9
- NEF Spelling Bee 3/10 - 3 Hillside teams- 5th graders, teachers, parent team

Volunteer Needs (Vanessa)

- Asst. Treasurer Position- work with Heidi, no accounting background needed, contact Heidi
- Talent Show
- First Grade Lunch Duty
- Calendar Raffle - coming soon, contact April Crawford

Grant Review - no grants this cycle

Budget Update (Heidi)

- Winter social- \$9k net (2k above what we budgeted)
- Red Sox night- made it a fundraiser this year by adding a few dollars to ticket prices - \$1200 net this year- previous years tickets sold at cost
- No basketball game this year
- \$1800 from box tops, school toolbox
- Local business fundraisers- \$100 from Amazon smile, \$125 -Proud Mary event
- Bingo Night- not a fundraiser- made \$15 (custodian costs have increased in town for school events)
- CAPP - \$1800 funding allotment
- NEF Spelling Bee- PTC paid for 2 teams, 1 is free
- One fundraiser left - calendar raffle

Next meeting in on 4/24 at 8:45 a.m.

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 p.m.