

# HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

## Meeting Minutes of May 23, 2017

The meeting came to order at 7:20 pm

Board attendance included: Joanna Herrera, Erin Apstein, Heidi Wiesel, Lesly Murray

### Approved April 2017 PTC Meeting Minutes

#### PTC Presidents' Update (Joanna)

- Staff Appreciation Lunch (May 4) – huge success, so many generous donations and wonderful volunteers. Parents purchased items for teacher's lounge (toaster & Keurig coffee maker).
- Festival of Cultures (May 19) – such a great night, 16 countries represented, wonderful performances
- Hillside Goes to the Red Sox – tomorrow night!!
- Calendar Raffle items still being accepted - Raffle is coming up: held the week of June 5-9, ending at the Spring Carnival – every family gets one free ticket for the raffle.
- Hillside Day/School wide Popsicle Party May 26<sup>th</sup> hosted by PTC
- 5<sup>th</sup> grade: Field Day June 13<sup>th</sup> and End of Year Party June 20<sup>th</sup> – please use sign up genius to volunteer.
- Spring Carnival June 11<sup>th</sup> – open to the public. There will be rides and food

#### Volunteer Needs (Erin)

- Spring Carnival – SUG – we need volunteers for ticket sales, cake walk, games etc.
- Fifth grade – Field Day SUG and End of Year Party SUG coming soon
- First grade lunch duty
- Open Positions for 2017-18:
  - Yearbook – we need a 5<sup>th</sup> grade parent to organize the yearbook effort, including planning, layout, design, sales etc.
  - UDA – we are close to enlisting a chair for the UDA committee
  - SEPAC Representative – need a parent of a child who is on an IEP to act as a liaison, attend SEPAC meetings, inform other parents of happenings, etc.

#### Enrichment Grants

- Maria DeCicco - \$785.87 – APPROVED
  - Materials to enhance use of tech services which we already have. The enhancements Include: tripod stands for ipods, speakers for tablets, microphones and 4 document scanners
- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers - \$112.04 – APPROVED
  - 4 Hoberman large rainbow spheres. Enables students to be mindful of breathing and stress levels.
- Lynn Doran - \$800.00 – APPROVED
  - \$770 for set of class ukuleles (25 with cases and accessories) for K-5 grades.
  - \$30 for wind screens for microphone use outside

#### Budget Update (Heidi)

- An off-cycle grant was approved for Owl Pellets for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade for \$185
- Staff Appreciation luncheon – we asked for cash donations to purchase burritos. We collected more than we needed so the remaining funds were used to purchase a toaster oven and Keurig coffee maker for the teacher's lounge. Any additional funds will be saved for next year's luncheon.

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- Three creative arts expenses. \$530.00
  - Living voices – for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade
  - Bees for the 1<sup>st</sup> grade
  - Art Quest Program for the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- Budget items left for the rest of the year include the raffle and the spring carnival
- Mr. K suggested the PTC consider funding for the China program in the future.

Passing the Gavel – Welcome to Meg Rosenbaum - our new PTC Co-President! And thanks to Joanna for your help and guidance during your term!

#### **Principal's Update (Mr. K)**

- Thanks to Joanna and Erin for their efforts during the school year. Welcome to Megan!
- New School Naming Process
  - Down to 2 name options:
    - Leslie Cutler: first female selectman in Needham and second female senator in MA
    - Sunita Williams: female Astronaut for NASA. Graduated from Needham High School in 1983
  - The winning name will be decided by the School Committee on June 6<sup>th</sup>
- Volunteer Breakfast – June 13<sup>th</sup>. Parent can attend and enjoy a snack. Same day as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Day.
- Reunion was held for the families that were part of the trip to China. Included students from 3<sup>rd</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade from Hillside, High Rock and Pollard. The trip was a great bonding experience for the students and a learning experience for the parents. Next year a different principal may take part in the trip. Cost was a factor this year so there will be an effort to reduce the cost in the future.

#### **Superintendent Dan Gutekanst, guest speaker**

- New school – we will still be the Hornets and the mural will be moved to the new school.
  - Groundbreaking will be in late fall 2017.
  - Next steps: finishing design. Teachers will meet this week to discuss interior of classrooms, colors, furniture, etc.
  - Existing Hillside school will still be used. Possible that Mitchell or Newman may need space for full time Kindergarten. The school Administration Bldg will be undergoing renovations so they need a space to move into, as well as the Police and Fire Dept. during the renovation of the station (if it's approved with an override in April 2018).

Meeting Adjourned at 8:37 pm

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