

HILLSIDE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTC

Meeting Minutes of October 3, 2017

Board members in attendance: Erin Apstein, Meg Rosenbaum, Heidi Wiesel, Amelia Burke

The meeting came to order at 7:17 pm.

Approved May 2017 PTC Meeting Minutes

PTC Presidents' Update (Erin)

- o Dues Drive a huge success – very grateful for participation and support; 66% participation/ \$17,000 raised so far (total will be a bit higher)
- o “Kleenex & Koffee” well received & nice for kindergarten parents to connect; plan to continue this in the future
- o Back to School Picnic – also great, well attended for rain; came in under budget and was a community event meant to bring people together, not as a fundraiser
- o Coming up:
 - Fall Box Tops Contest started yesterday and ends on October 13th
 - Walk/Ride to School Day tomorrow (Oct. 4th)
 - Buzz Across America- kids earn popsicle stick by walking or biking to school any day, walk/running laps at morning mingle on Mondays or Fridays, participating in Trick or Trot, school-wide event to promote a healthy lifestyle, Mr. Teatro will plot the distance from Needham to San Francisco on a map in the hall of school (each lap=1/4 mile)
 - Room Parent Meeting on Friday, Oct. 6th in cafeteria at 8:35 am
 - Spirit Wear Sales will start in October and will be online this year- in time to order holiday gifts, online orders will help us be green
 - Halloween Trick or Trot 5k (Oct 29th)- we need volunteers for the day of, road marshals, and runners; if interested contact Seema
 - Scholastic Book Fair (Nov. 7, 8 and 9) and Author in Residence Jerry Pallotta, Literacy Night (Nov. 8th)
- Volunteer Needs (Meg)
 - o Picture Day Volunteers- we need help at 8:45-10 am
 - o Halloween Trick or Trot volunteers- day of help- water table, fun run

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- o Buzz across America Volunteers at Morning Mingle- short blocks of time: 8-8:25 am on Mondays and Fridays, sign up genius on the PTC page on Facebook, really helpful the first two Fridays as this program gets started
- o Book Fair – volunteers will be needed for K-3 classes (look for email to come from Room Parents)
- o 1st grade lunch help – always looking for help, sign up genius link
- o Media center : The classes in most need are Katz, Mangan/Strakosch, Miceli (PM) and Dangelo. See the newsletter for the time slots in need of help.

Budget Update (Heidi)

- small surplus from last year’s budget, will be put towards arts programs and also enrichment grants

Principal’s Update – Mr. K

- Traffic- Kids and families are doing well adjusting to the closed crosswalk out front, will be painting over it soon. Safety reminders from Mr. K: Continue to be mindful of the stop signs. Don’t use cell phones. Drive slow.
- Thank you committee: Parents and 5th graders write thank you notes for gifts given to Hillside. Please let the school know if there is someone who should be thanked.
- China trip: Nothing planned yet for this year. If there is enough interest around the December holidays, there is a possibility for the spring.
- Safety drills:
 - 2 fire drills- kids did great!
 - in mid-October will do an ALICE alert (practice for an armed intruder), “evacuate, barricade, listen (to a Hillside adult),” explain “could be animal or a bad person wanting to harm you”
 - also practice shelter in place as well- in case of a chemical/natural disaster- bunker mentality

NEF presentation (Seema/Joanna)

- Needham Education Foundation grants support educational groups- enrichment for school
- school staff member and parents partner to write grants (Mrs. Hsu is Hillside NEF rep)
- described past small and large grants that Needham Education Foundation provided (iPad carts for classroom use, math backpacks for kindergarteners)
- author Jerry Pallotta will do a full day program at Hillside and a literacy night to get the kids excited about nonfiction- he writes “Who Would Win” books
- “Race to Nowhere” screening and panel- October 19 at 6 pm at Pollard- free but you need to sign up for tickets (link in newsletter, expected to sell out), includes

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panel with educators and psychologist, how to address issues of our children's over-busy lives

CAP Presentation (Caren Nemtsov)

- CAP (Child Assault Prevention) is a national and international program that teaches strategies to reduce vulnerability, talks about bullying, sexual assault by a known adult, stranger danger
- Done in 1st, 3rd, and 5th grade
- October 12th- informational night
- Parents encouraged to volunteer in CAP program- 21 hours of training, 1 year commitment, contact Caren at cnemtsov@needhamcommunitycouncil.org

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 pm.

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