

PTO Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2024
Zoom

Time Started: 9:05am

Attendees: Jenny Mario, Sharon Murphy, Audrey Hayek, Nikita Singhani, Jamie Noe, Lori Verbel, Lori Shekari, Kim Bargiel, Jess Mays, Grace Perruzzi, Joseph Downs III, Lisa Ellison, Dr. Michael Barcadepone, Ms. Anastasia Maroulis, Mr. Bruce Winkelstein Natasha D, Stacey Wang, Kelsey Aughey, Meghan Pagano, Bridget Adler, Paulina Rugg, Lola Abanum, Jackie DiFrancesco, Karina Singh, Bernadette Kelly

PTO UPDATES

- Approve November's Minutes- Audrey Hayek and Kim Bargiel
- Treasurer's Report \$59,483.24 in operating account
 - Increase in amount from November after dues from Cheddar up and fundraisers/concessions were added

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
 - Over next 2 weeks information about summer programs coming out
 - Not available to all students, only to some students based upon academic need
 - Plan is to help students stay up to speed on academics during the summer
 - Do work with Aleooop
 - Hillside Playground
 - Working with contractors and playground planners
 - Have all feed back from middle school students and Hillside students
 - Ground broken day after kids leave for summer vacation
 - Will also put new and old pavers in, contractors will give us some options as to where
 - Also front of school to be redone
 - Small garden for some pavers
 - Survey coming out
 - Looking to create a data base of Allendale Parent Professionals
 - So can incorporate parents more into school and help with various projects
 - Applicable for K-8th grade
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
 - Thank you for movie night!
 - Parents did great, kids had a blast!
 - Thank you again for Monthly treats!
 - March 11th
 - Bergen county prosecutor's office will be there to discuss dangers of Fentanyl with 8th grade students
 - Doing more with graduating 8th graders so they can be as prepared as possible for high school
 - Game night on March 13th for 4th/5th graders
 - End of marking period now Monday the 18th

- Report cards will be sent shortly after that
 - Have met with Mrs. Webber and Mrs. Vassallo to discuss about kids who are not doing as well academically
 - Want to ensure we are helping them now
 - 8th grade class musical coming up
 - Getting questions about end of year
 - Will go over with Ms. Maroulis
 - April 1st will get out graduation dates and major dates for end of year
 - Most end of year dates are scheduled already
- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
 - Thank you for coordinating monthly teachers appreciation!
 - Chinese acrobat very well received – thank you!
 - Kindergarten registration under way
 - All online now
 - Please make sure to tell people about it
 - Will be offering preschool session this fall
 - It will be a lottery system
 - Information on it will be out in March
 - Friday school wide assembly
 - Bee-well assembly tied to spirit day
 - This Friday it is preschoolers presenting
 - One school one book launching
 - Everyone reads the same book from grades 1-3
 - Will culminate in April with author visiting
 - For Kindergarten the book will be read aloud in class
 - Question from Joseph Downs III
 - In regards to Aleoop, when is registration?
 - Answer – It is an outside organization. Registration has not come out yet. Usually a little later in Spring
 - Dr. Barcadepone just met with Aleoop – they will be in Brookside this year
 - Groupings for incoming Kindergarten class
 - Will have done before spring break
 - Seeing a lot more tardies and absent students
 - At 18 days absent they do send a letter
 - Need to create an action plan with family
 - Playground project
 - Very excited about it
 - Optimizing space for students
 - There will be less parking in back
 - Drop off will change
 - Will work with PTO on helping parents, especially during first week of school
 - Redoing Allendale mural
 - Creating large, 3D tiles
 - Each 3rd grader already designing a creature that resides in Allendale
 - Glazing tiles currently
 - Simon Rigg former Allendale parent is helping with this
 - The Record will have an article about this as well
 - Plan is to have unveiled on July 4th

- Kelsey Aughey, Hillside & Brookside Representative
 - Concession stands for middle school musical
 - Middle school musical coming up – Chitty Chitty Bang Bang
 - 7pm on March 22nd, and two shows on March 23rd
 - Basketball finished for season
 - Baseball/Softball and Track to start March 25th
 - Get athletic forms in please

PTO EVENTS

- Spring Apparel Logo Contest Update (Jess Mays)
 - Have selected winners
 - Over 100 submissions
 - Announcing winners this week Friday at assembly
- 4/5th Game Night (Sharon Murphy)
 - Evite sent out yesterday
 - More than half have said yes already
 - 45 minutes per a grade
 - Wednesday, March 13th
- PTO Assemblies (Jenny Mario)
 - Last Brookside one is in March
 - International Day end of March at Hillside
 - 5 assemblies between schools this year
 - Been very well liked and received
 - Will be doing more next year and hope to increase number of assemblies as well
- Pre-K/K Build-a-Bee (Kim Bargiel)
 - Will take place Monday, March 11th
 - Similar to Build-a- Bear
 - Will be right after school in all purpose room
 - Parents do not need to attend but have a sign up sheet for parents to help
 - Creating their own Bee
 - Pick up time 4:15, there will be a snack
 - Sign up has been sent out, free event
 - Question from Ms. Maroulis
 - Can we get a class list of who is going? Want to make sure we coordinate with teachers
 - PTO responded – yes, last day to sign up is tomorrow, so we will get you a list of all students
- 2nd Grade Service Project (Jess Mays)
 - Backpacks for life
 - Making backpacks filled with toiletries for veterans
 - Need a few more items
 - Will be setting up on Friday
- Upcoming Fundraisers
 - Greeting Card Fundraiser

- Will be in March this year
 - Community Restaurant Night (Nikita Singhani)
 - Nellie's Place in Waldwick
 - Tuesday March 19th
 - More information to follow
- St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt (Jamie Noe)
 - March 10th from 11-2pm
 - Will take 45 minutes to 1 hour to complete
 - 7 dollars/child
 - Sign up by March 3rd
 - Need volunteers please
 - Being run by Bridget Adler
- Dodgeball (Audrey Hayek)
 - March 21st 7pm at Brookside gym
 - Sent out cheddar up to 3rd grade parents to sign up
- International Day (Lori Verbel)
 - Tuesday March 26th
 - Info session was done in January
 - Families represent a country/culture
 - Kids go through booths during the day
 - Evening
 - Welcome all families and parents
 - Taste different treats, performances
 - 24 countries represented, hoping to get a few more
 - Please reach out to Lori or committee member if questions
- Next meeting March 20th same time

Meeting ended 9:47am

UPCOMING DATES

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| March 6 | Birthday Bees |
| March 10 | St. Patrick's Day Scavenger Hunt |
| March 11 | Pre-K/K Build-a-Bee |
| March 13 | 4/5th Game Night |
| March 15 | Brookside Assembly |
| March 21 | Third Grade Dodgeball |
| March 26 | International Day/Night |