

# PTO Meeting Minutes

## April 19, 2023

### Zoom

**Attendees:** Christina Valdes, Sabina McGuirl, Bruce Winkelstein, Ms. Maroulis, Ms. Snedeker, Jen Higgins, Jamie Noe, Lori Verbel, Lori Shekari, Karina Singh, Sharon Murphy, Grace Knowlton, Kim Bargiel, Nikita Patel

Meeting started at 9:20am

#### PTO UPDATES

- Treasurer's Report- \$46,283.01 in the Operating Account

#### ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
  - We are starting to get into a busy part of the year, check the Brookside events calendar for everything, but there is something every day
  - Today the kids are finishing the last section of the LinkIt test (internal testing)
  - The NJSLA is coming up in May, it is not as long as in prior years and is used for placement
  - Mr. Winkelstein is meeting with the 5/6/7<sup>th</sup> grade students next week to go over big scheduling decisions for next year for classes and electives
  - Book Fair next week, setup Friday
- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
  - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Bingo Night was wonderful last night was well-attended and so successful
  - International Day was amazing this year, this event grows stronger and holds greater meaning every year
  - This week we are screening the incoming Kindergarteners, we have adjusted this assessment over time to make the best placements
  - The Summer Academy will be at Hillside this summer in July for children who participate in the academic support program, letters will be going out in the next few weeks
  - Hillside is also hosting the Quad District Special Education program this summer
  - Earth Day readers (Green Team) from 3<sup>rd</sup> grade will be going into each classroom to talk about what they do as a Green Team and what to do to help the Earth
  - Next week is the Spring Book Fair, make sure to sign permission slips
  - Tuesday night is the last virtual parent meeting with the topic of "Homework Without Tears"
  - Next week in grades 1-3, teachers will be doing a lot of work on writing
  - Birthday Club is next Wednesday for April birthdays (invitations went out via email)
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> graders will have state testing on May 9-11 and 16-17 (makeups on 5/18)
  - Field Trips are coming up
    - May 5- 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade- Waterloo Village
    - May 19- 1<sup>st</sup> Grade- Wyckoff Wildlife Center
    - May 25- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade- Bronx Zoo
  - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Crestwood Party- June 1<sup>st</sup> (rain date may be moved)

- Spring Concert- June 9<sup>th</sup>
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Brookside Orientation- June 12<sup>th</sup>
- Hillside Field Day- June 14<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date- June 19<sup>th</sup>)
- Last Day of School- June 20<sup>th</sup>
- Kelsey Snedeker + Sharon Bailey, Hillside & Brookside Representative
  - At Hillside:
    - Kindergarten screening at Hillside this week
    - Green Team is collecting gently used toys this week
  - At Brookside:
    - Sports are underway, there are tryouts and cuts for softball this year and games start next week, track has 60+ students
    - Many posters are hung up around Brookside School, 8<sup>th</sup> graders are working on their Service Learning Projects (SLPs) to find a way to play an active role in the community
    - LinkIt testing currently in both Hillside and Brookside
    - State testing is coming up in May

## PTO EVENTS

- Mural update- We will be putting a mural in the All-Purpose Room, Grace Knowlton is designing this project
  - We have some potential work to do to prepare the space for the mural
  - Maybe drawing it out soon but we may have to wait before starting to find a resolution for the window spot situation
  - We will add in a 24-inch clock
  - We will circle back after figuring out these details
- 1st Grade Service Project- Alex's Lemonade on June 9<sup>th</sup>- to partially benefit the WCL 2nd grade girl?- Ms. Maroulis will circle back on this
- Apparel Sale is from 4/17- 4/30- teachers/staff received 20% off, class parents sent out the links and they are also posted on social media for people to purchase apparel
  - Pick up will be the week of May 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Book Fair (Set up is on 4/21, Book Fair from 4/24-28, Breakdown is on 4/28)
  - Family Night Thursday from 6-8
  - Set up the wallet because there is no cash accepted
- Brookside Staff Appreciation (5/1-5/5)
  - Sign Up Genius went out and filled up quickly
  - You can also sign up to set up and take down (maybe April 28<sup>th</sup>)
  - Students will be writing special notes for teachers
- Hillside Staff Appreciation (5/7-5/12)
  - Luncheon on May 11<sup>th</sup>
- Hillside VIP Dance- Friday (5/12)
  - Students in K-1 will come from 5:30-7, students in 2-3 grades will come from 7:30-9
  - This is an event hosted by the PTO where each child is invited to bring a special adult with them, we are hoping this will be an annual event
  - Invitations to follow
- May Testing Ice Pops- Mr. Winkelstein said on Wednesday May 17<sup>th</sup> at the end of the day, Ms. Maroulis will circle back on a date
- Paver Project- We will check in with Dr. Barcedapone for an update

- Retirees to plan for gifts- One retiree in Brookside so far, and some from Hillside- once the board approves the people retiring, they will get back to us with official names
- Hillside Ice Cream Social- We are not doing this spring
- Field Day Dates-
  - Brookside- Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>)
  - Hillside- June 14<sup>th</sup> (Rain Date- June 19<sup>th</sup>)
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade visit to Brookside- Monday June 12<sup>th</sup>

Meeting ended at 10:00am