

PTO Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2023

On Zoom

Attendees: Christina Valdes, Ms. Maroulis, Jen Higgins, Jamie Noe, Lori Verbel, Lori Shekari, Karina Singh, Sharon Murphy, Bridget Adler, Grace Perruzzi, Meghan Pagano, Audrey Hayek

Meeting started at 9:20am

PTO UPDATES

- Approve April's Minutes- Karina Singh and Jen Higgins
- Treasurer's Report- \$39,255.80 is in the Operating Account as of today, this doesn't reflect reimbursements to people on the board for expenses

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
 - The 3rd grade testing is going well, we split testing up this year into two consecutive weeks and it was a better schedule- last year we did 5 straight days of testing and we were also a field site (which gave us an extra day of testing) but this year we weren't and separated among two weeks which worked great
 - On Friday PTO will bring ice pops to all grades who had testing at Hillside and Brookside
 - Staff Appreciation Week was wonderful and the teachers loved it
 - 1st grade field trip on Thursday 5/18
 - 3rd grade field trip to the Bronx Zoo next week
 - There are 3 birthday clubs coming up- one for May, and two in June for June birthdays and then summer birthdays
 - The Crestwood 3rd grade carnival permission slips went out
 - On the week of June 5th there will be concert rehearsals, and the concerts are on June 9th
 - Alex's Lemonade stand will be on the concert day
 - PTO will set up tables before and after concert
 - We are raising for a local family as well
 - June 12 is the 3rd grade Brookside visit
 - June 13 is band orientation for 3rd graders
 - We will have days taken off at the end of the year so we will end earlier
 - Hillside Field Day is on June 14th
 - The end of the year pizza party will be at 12pm on the last day of school and the clap out will be at 12:30

PTO Updates

- Staff Appreciation Recap
 - Thank you to the team!
- VIP Dance Recap
 - Around 300 kids plus VIPs came on Friday night
 - Everyone had a great time and we hope to do it again next year
- May Testing Ice Pops- Friday, May 19th at 2:30

- Both schools combined will use 600 ice pops
- Volunteer Thank You- June 7th at General Meeting in Hillside Cafeteria
 - We will be inviting all PTO volunteers to a breakfast in Hillside before the June meeting
- Murals to Begin
 - Grace Knowlton started outlining the mural in the All Purpose Room and she will finish on May 23 from 7-10pm
 - We sent out a sign up genius on Parent Square for people to come and help paint on June 3 and June 10 (Saturdays)
 - We removed the old lunch tables and other things on the wall
 - Will need a new clock
 - Lori Shekari showed a photo of the sketch
- K Move Up Day - 6/5
 - There will be a letter going out on Monday
 - The PTO covers the cost for 90+ (\$4 per kid)
- Alex's Lemonade - 6/9
 - See above for updates
- Concerts
 - Brookside- 6/8
 - Hillside- 6/9
- Field Days
 - Brookside: 6/13 with a rain date of 6/15
 - Hillside: 6/14 with a rain date of 6/19
 - Sign up Genius will be coming out for volunteers
 - We will have ice pops for all of the kids
 - The PE teachers should reach out to the PTO if they need anything
- End of Year Pizza party
 - Parents from the classes can bring in other food from the approved list if they choose
 - Memory books will be distributed (3rd grade in the morning)
 - We will get a list of volunteers for the greeter
- Birthday Clubs
 - June Birthday- 6/7
 - Summer Birthdays - 6/14

Question from Grace Peruzzi

- For the people retiring, will there be a party?
- Ms. Maroulis Answered- We do give gifts to all people retiring, the teacher's union does this every year
- There is a replacement hired for Mrs. Taylor who is retiring, she has been training and subbing

Meeting Ended 9:41am

UPCOMING DATES

5/19 Ice Pops for 3rd grade
 6/1 3rd Grade Party
 6/2 3rd Grade Party Rain Date
 6/5 K Move Up Day
 6/7 Birthday Club June Birthday
 6/7 Thank You Breakfast/ last General Meeting
 6/8 Brookside Band Concert

6/9 Hillside Spring Concert
6/9 Torch Run
6/12 3rd Grade Orientation
6/13 Brookside Field Day
6/14 Hillside Field Day
6/14 Summer Birthdays
6/15 Brookside Field Day Rain Date
6/19 Hillside Field Day Rain Date
6/20 Pizza Party/ Year Book Signing / Last Day of School