

PTO General Meeting
Wednesday, June 8, 2022
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Sabina McGuirl, Christina Valdes, Dr. Barcadepone, Bruce Winkelstein, Ms. Maroulis, Jen Higgins, Jamie Noe, Karina Singh, Lisa Ellison, Lori Verbel, Johanna Holmes, Sharon Murphy, Jackie DiFrancesco, Melanie Fox

Meeting Called to Order: 9:17 am
Minutes Approved by: Karina Singh and Christina Valdes

PTO UPDATES

- Treasurer's Report- We have \$15,864.23 in our operating account
- Brookside Student Speakers - playground proposal
 - Representatives from student council came on the meeting to speak
 - They collected ideas from all of Brookside
 - Started with 80 options, used feedback from all homerooms and grades, which included meetings in the learning commons to pick something based on what is safe, fun, and cost-effective and they voted on a Google Form
 - Results were close (regardless of grade and gender)- Grades 4/5/6 wanted mostly the Jungle Gym and the 7/8 mostly wanted the tables- but the Jungle Gym won by 27 votes overall
- Question from Christina- do we have the public speaking initiative listed on the website? Dr. Barcadepone responded- We will soon!

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent-
 - The kids did a fantastic job live at the board meeting
 - Dr. Barcadepone has talked with Chief Dillon regarding the Uvalde situation- in NJ, by the time a second officer comes to any site, they must get involved
 - We are looking to have a parent meeting so parents know what can and cannot be shared. If we ever have to leave the district (to go to Highlands or Trinity church) the chief will be able to give you updates.
 - Thank you from Dr. Barcadepone to all of the volunteers
 - We will have more information on pricing for paver project soon
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
 - Thank you for the ice pops after testing
 - 5th grade Lead day on 6/8
 - Moved the 8th grade Crestwood day to Friday 6/10
 - Next week Field Day on Tuesday 6/14, will adjust if needed
 - End of school- locker clean out next Friday 6/17- bring a big bag and extra smaller bags to clean out
 - Friday 6/17 they will be collecting all materials including Chromebooks- parents should take a look if you have a missing stylus or for damage
 - Next week is the award ceremony
 - School Rock Out is next week (singalong). This will be the first indoor singalong in a long time

- The last day of school is graduation day, the 8th graders will have a graduation for the rest of the school during the school day. Dr Barcadepone and awards will be at the actual graduation
 - The last day will be a special day and will have 12:45 dismissal
 - Most of scheduling for next year has been done, most issues found- requests to change elective choice can't be guaranteed
 - Any placement notes, email Dr. Winkelstein soon because classes are being finalized soon
 - Over the summer or next year if there's anything Mr. Winkelstein needs to know, email him for his notes
 - Thank you to everyone in the PTO for your time and effort!
- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
 - A lot of emotions at the end of the year- it's been 3 years since we've had a typical end of the year
 - Field Day is moved to Friday 6/10 due to weather- Physical Education team made some changes to past schedules
 - 3rd grade carnival will be very special and is on June 17th
 - Birthday club is on 6/8 for July and August birthday students
 - There will be a pizza party on last day of school- from 11:30-12 the school will be in an award ceremony, which gives PTO and parents time to set up with pizza
 - Lemonade sale was a tremendous hit- thank you for the amazing support for our 1st grader Jay and his family
 - Not too many new registrants for next year yet, may change over the summer
 - Right now there are 93 incoming Kindergarten kids enrolled
 - Sabina said- Brookside and Hillside teachers will also be included in the count for pizza
 - Thank you to the PTO for the hard work and creativity, positivity and enthusiasm- whatever was needed, whenever it was needed- this was a great partnership
 - Question from Christina- Can we forward the toolkits to incoming K families? YES
 - Question from Christina- Can we put cardboard toolkit signs outside? YES
 - Question from Christina- Are we hiring new staff because of enrollment numbers? No- just one maternity leave position from Sept to February and they will be reopening that search, Mrs. Coleman will be coming down to teach 3rd grade next year
 - Kelsey Snedeker + Sharon Bailey, Hillside & Brookside Representative
 - Nothing to report- have a wonderful summer!

RECAP AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dodgeball Tournament Recap (Johanna)
 - This was moved inside at Trinity church- 125 people participated
 - All classes played against each other round robin style
 - This was so successful and so fun!
 - After the parents played, the kids got a chance to play
 - The Looney Rooney's won- Mrs. Rooney will keep the trophy in her room
- Apparel Sale Recap (Katharine)
 - Big success! Thank you Kat!
- Alex's Lemonade Stand Recap

- Community was amazing- raised over \$1,000 for Jay and \$750 for lemonade stand
- Volunteer Thank You Night- June 15th
 - On June 15th, join the PTO to celebrate a great year! Come from 7-8pm for all volunteers, food included. After 8, anyone who wants to become volunteer is welcome to join! Please come!
- 3rd Grade Carnival Celebration- June 17th
 - This event will be during school hours after lunch, the kids will walk to Crestwood
 - It will be a carnival-style day
 - There will be a magician for 30 minutes and different stations
 - PE teachers will be there doing interactive games
 - The DJ will play music and keep kids engaged
 - Popcorn and candy goodie bag for everyone
 - They will walk back and will be at school for pickup at 3
 - We are reusing the circus carnival decor from teacher appreciation week
 - This will be a special day for the kids
 - Question from Lori Verbel- will there be an end of year celebration? Yes, for 3rd grade it is at Brookside from 4-8 for the 3rd graders, not affiliated with the PTO
- Tool Kits
 - Order online
- Picture Day
 - Hillside- will be on September 23
 - Brookside- will be on September 16
 - Who signs contract- school or PTO? Either one or co-sign, will send along
 - They will accommodate 3rd grade pictures and 8th grade pictures and staff photos on the same day
 - All photos will be digital to eliminate collecting photos from parents
- Hillside Ice Cream Social - June 13th
 - Dairy Queen ice cream cups will be set up outside in the back
 - There will be music, bubbles, and stilt walker- please join!
 - If it rains, we will move to the all purpose room
- Field Days
 - All of volunteers will wear red
 - Christina and Sabina will be picking up supplies from the schools
- End of Year Pizza Party/ Yearbook Signing
 - All students and teachers will receive pizza and memory books on the last day of school, kids should bring a sharpie if wanted
 - Jenn Schaub has been the head of memory books for 7 years- this has been a huge job- thank you Jenn! Melanie Fox and Shaziya Shaikh are taking over and will do an amazing job and have big shoes to fill!
- 2022-2023 Board
 - We have a couple of board members who have been with us for a long time and will be leaving- thank you to the following:
 - Lisa Ellison
 - Katharine Miro
 - Lauren Sacks
 - Medy Murphy
 - Johanna Holmes
 - We have new PTO members joining the board. Welcome to:
 - Jess Mays

- Lori Shekari

Ms. Maroulis asked- Who will take over for Medy Murphy for cultural art assemblies? We will get back to you on this after Wednesday's event.

Thank you all for such a fun successful year! Thank you to the principals!

Meeting ended at 10:05 am

UPCOMING DATES

6/9 Hillside Field Day
6/10 Hillside Field Day Rain Date
6/13 Hillside Ice Cream Social
6/14 Brookside Field Day
6/16 Brookside Field Day Rain Date
6/20 Last Day of School / Pizza Parties