

PTO General Meeting Agenda
Wednesday, May 18, 2022 7:30pm
Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Sabina McGuirl, Christina Valdes, Dr. Barcadepone, Bruce Winkelstein, Ms. Maroulis, Ms. Snedeker, Jen Higgins, Jamie Noe, Medy Murphy, Karina Singh, Bridget Adler, Lisa Ellison, Johanna Holmes, Sharon Murphy, Meghan Pagano, Jill Relay, Lori Shekari, Kristen Abbate, Neesha, "iPhone," "MJP phone"

Meeting Called to Order: 7:33 pm
Minutes Approved by: Karina Singh and Medy Murphy

PTO UPDATES

- Treasurer's Report- We have \$29,908.54 in operating account and a little over \$200 in CheddarUp to be transferred over

PTO UPDATES

- Approve April's Minutes - Jen Higgins, Bridget Adler
- Treasurer's Report - \$18,000 in operating account with some still in Cheddar Up
- 1st Grade Speaker - Connor Sullivan - Alex's Lemonade Stand on June 3

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
 - School is ending on June 20th
 - Monday an invite will go out for the Diversity Presentation on June 1st
 - Summer work will be happening at the schools
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
 - May 25th at 1:15 the 3rd grade students will have a Brookside preview day
 - Parents are invited to attend a quick Q+A
 - Next PTO meeting the playground committee will submit their proposal to the board for approval
- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
 - International Day was amazing, the students loved the assembly
 - Year end events are in full swing
 - Chorus concerts are upcoming with Alex's Lemonade Stand after
 - There will be a band orientation on June 6, parents are also invited to come in to learn
 - There is an ice cream social on June 13th
 - Field day is on June 9th with a rain date of June 10th
 - The 3rd grade celebration will be on June 17th
 - NJSLA testing is going well- first ELA and now they are finishing up Math

- As a district, we will be looking at reading- for best instruction and how we can put it all together to support our students
- Kelsey Snedeker + Sharon Bailey, Hillside & Brookside Representative

RECAP AND UPCOMING EVENTS

- Joining the Board Next Year
 - There will be a Constant Contact interest survey going out next week for people who want to get involved with the PTO, there will be a few positions open
- Staff Appreciation Recap (Karina)
 - We had a great team and participation for these events
 - Many local businesses were generous and gave us gifts to raffle off
- International Day Recap
 - This was the first time that many kids had the opportunity to experience this and it was very special. Thank you to Ms. Maroulis for coordinating
- May Testing Ice Pops- Friday, May 20th 2/2:30
 - For Hillside grades 3-8
- Volunteer Thank You Night- June 15th
 - This event will be for anyone who volunteered with the PTO this year and will also be open to anyone who wants to volunteer. Likely at the ABG.
- Dodgeball Tournament (Johanna)
 - This is an event for 3rd grade families, mostly parents against one another
 - There will be a trophy for the winner
 - An Evite will be going out next week
- 3rd Grade Crestwood Day (Johanna)
 - This event will be in the afternoon of June 17th (rain date June 16) after lunch
 - There will be a DJ and a magician, this will have a carnival feel, different from Field Day (this used to be a picnic but Covid forced us to try something new which worked out really well)
 - PE teachers will be there to run games, we're moving away from homerooms to give the 3rd graders more freedom and independence to move around
 - We are using Karina's circus theme and decorations from Staff Appreciation week
- 3rd grade clap out/picnic (Johanna)
 - This will take place on the last day of school (June 20th)
- Apparel Sale Ending 5/23 (Katharine)
 - This capsule has been a big hit- 156 sales so far!
 - Sales end on May 23rd so there's still more time to buy
 - When you order, it comes with a free reusable bag
- Tool Kits
 - Sales for the toolkits will begin on June 1 with a hard deadline of July 1
 - Teachers make a list of the supplies they need and this is an easy way to order supplies

- We will send home paper flyers to Hillside (will drop to main office) and will also send the link electronically
 - This will be in the Constant Contact and we want to make sure it gets to new Kindergarten families and people who are new to town
- Picture Day (Bridget)
 - We are looking for a new vendor for school photos and we'll likely be using who Northern Highlands uses for their photos
 - Prices are similar and they will also give us 25% of sales back to the PTO
 - We will figure out picture dates soon
 - Mr. W prefers to have it as early as possible but not the first week of school. Mid-September is great with a make up date in November
 - Ms. Maroulis- We will do the 3rd grade group photo on that day so the photographers only have to come twice
- Paver Project (Johanna)
 - We are in the beginning stages of putting in new pavers at the front of Hillside School
 - We will be creating a paver fundraiser where families can have their names engraved on a paver
 - This will help us raise funds to set aside for improvements at Hillside School
- Helmet Initiative
 - Officer Ace will be driving around and if he sees kids with helmets on he will be giving them a gift card for ice cream or pizza
 - This is an incentive for kids to wear their helmets
 - The PTO is happy to work with the APD to provide these give cards
- Hillside Ice Cream Social - June 13th (Bridget)
 - This is set for June 13th right as students get out of school
 - There will be ice cream from DQ and entertainers as well
- Field Days- Jill Relay
 - We will do a SignUp Genius for Field Day volunteers
 - There will be 2 volunteers per station plus floaters
 - There will be an email sent out about ice pops and water bottles
 - We are in need of 3-4 tents to borrow
- End of Year Pizza Party
 - There will be a pizza party and memory books handed out on the last day of school
 - We will find a way to include the preschool classes too since they paid dues
 - Mr. W.- we will figure out pizza or bagels for the Brookside students for the last day of school
- PTO Providing Musicians- Medy Murphy
 - Mr. Prancing will be bringing in two musicians to play with the band
 - The PTO will be paying for these instrumental musicians for the concerts
 - We will be looking for a Music & Arts chair since Medy will be rolling off (thank you Medy!)

UPCOMING DATES

- 5/20 Ice Pops for 3rd grade
- 5/26 Brookside Chorus Concert
- 5/30 School Closed- Memorial Day
- 5/31 Student Faculty Basketball Game
- 6/1 June's Birthday Club for Hillside Students
- 6/2 Brookside Band Concert
- 6/2 Dodgeball Tournament Grade 3 parents
- 6/3 Hillside Concerts
Alex's Lemonade Stand
- 6/9 Hillside Field Day
- 6/13 Hillside Ice Cream Social
- 6/14 Brookside Field Day

Meeting ended at 8:21pm