

**PTO Meeting Minutes**  
**March 19, 2025**  
**Zoom**

**Attendees:** Jenny Mario, Audrey Hayek, Jeanne, Bernadette, Nikita Singhani, Mr. Winkelstein, Dr. Barcadepone, Ms. Maroulis, Kim Bargiel, Lisa Ellison, Lori Verbel, Jamie Noe

**Start time:9:17am**

**PTO UPDATES**

- Approve February's Minutes- Audrey Hayek and Kim Bargiel
- Treasurer's Report
  - \$15,235.74 in operating account
  - Deposited the rebates from picture day

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS**

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
  - Just submitted budget to county office
  - Want to do a PTO meeting on AI
    - Mainly for Brookside school
  - NJSLA coming up
    - Math placements for high schoolers
    - 3<sup>rd</sup>/4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> grade should not be getting stressed
    - More of a tool to see how we are doing against other school districts
  - Wanted to thank PTO members
    - Finding volunteers very hard, seeing this across districts
    - Thank you for all you do
- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
  - Officially in last 1/3 of school year
    - Report cards coming out Tuesday
  - Field Trips
    - 6<sup>th</sup> grade trips went well
    - 7<sup>th</sup> grade going to Wicked later in the year and eating at a restaurant
    - 8<sup>th</sup> grade went to a food bank recently for volunteer work
      - Tied in with social studies class
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade going to Power Up
      - Ties in with their Mars section
  - School Musical this week
  - Elementary musical next Friday
  - Graduation information to come out beginning of April
  - This coming Friday Dusti Bowling coming – talking to Hillside and Brookside students
  - Question for PTO
    - Wants to move ice cream social to Friday June 13<sup>th</sup>
      - This is also rain date for Hillside Field Day
    - Jenny Mario - Will see if we need to do it on the same day or if we can do two different days

- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
  - In last 1/3 of year
    - This is where we see kids either propel or not and are able to see where they stand
    - Sometimes is weather dependent
    - Teachers finalizing report cards this week and will be up on Tuesday
  - Field trips
    - Electronic permission slips
  - Musical
    - Will be walking to Brookside to see musical today and tomorrow
  - Kindergarten
    - Registration done but are still accepting families
  - Preschool registration
    - Will be out in next few days
    - Spots available for integrated preschool
  - International Day
    - Sent out a homework project for kids
      - Due Monday 3/24
    - Assemblies kicking off that day – African Brazil cultural assembly
    - Schedule all set
    - Will start out evening with performances and a costume parade
  - Book Fair
    - Will work on schedule with Mr. Winkelstein
  - Playground
    - Can see some issues – not using equipment properly, minor altercations
      - May see uptick as weather gets better
      - Please supervise at end of the day
  - Jenny Mario commented
    - Book Fair Schedule in Fall was great
    - Appreciated older students helping younger students
  - Dodgeball
    - Event was very well received, everyone had a great time
    - Atmosphere and spirit was very collaborative
    - Thank you for such a great event
    - Audrey Hayek mentioned that we did speak at PTO meeting that it was well received
      - Talked about having one parent from each class talk about competitiveness and that this is supposed to be a fun event, so should help in future
- Kelsey Aughey, Hillside & Brookside Representative
  - Not present

#### PTO EVENTS

- Brookside Play 3/21-3/22
  - PTO will be selling concessions
- International Day 3/26 - PTO sponsored assembly (Young Audiences: Puerto Rican Folkloric Music) to kick off the day and family portion 6-8pm
- 1st grade Bingo Night 4/23 at 6pm
  - Ms. Maroulis hosting
  - Invite coming soon

- Spring Book Fair
  - Setup help on 4/25 and cleanup on 5/2
  - Donuts with Grownups 5/1, 7:30-8:30am
- Staff Appreciation Weeks (Brookside 5/5; Hillside 5/12)
  - Committee up and running already
- Boulders Family Night- 5/10
  - Did this last year, was a great event
  - Finalizing details for this year
- 2nd/3rd VIP Dance - 5/16
- Fundraisers
  - Moshi Moshi – Community Take out Night
    - 20% donated to PTO
  - Spring Apparel Sale - through 3/24
  - Art to Remember - through 4/1
    - Students artwork turned into projects parents can purchase
    - Catalogs coming home this week
  - Greeting Cards - through 4/4
- Toolkits
  - Will be sending out link again soon
  - School supplies for next year

**End Time:** 9:37am

#### UPCOMING DATES

March 19	Community Take Out Night, Moshi Moshi
March 26	International Day/Night
April 2	Birthday Bees
April 14-18	Spring Break
April 23	General Meeting Zoom
April 23	1st Grade Bingo Night
April 28	Book Fair Week
May 5	Brookside Teacher Appreciation Week
May 12	Hillside Teacher Appreciation Week
May 10	Rockland Boulders Family Night Out
May 16	VIP Dance for 2nd/3rd grade