

May General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 15, 2024

Attendees: Sharon Murphy, Jenny Mario, Audrey Hakey, Lori Verbel, Jamie Noe, Lisa Ellison, Grace Perruzzi, Bernadette Kelly, Ms. Anastasia Maroulis, Karina Singh, Nikita Singhani, Lori Shekari, Jeanne, Kim Bargiel, Officer Ace, Kristin Allert, Marissa, Mr. Bruce Winkelstein

Start time: 9:17am

PTO UPDATES

- Approve March and April's Minutes – Audrey Hayek and Lori Verbel approved March and April Minutes
- Treasurer's Report
 - \$26,691.01 in operating account
 - Memory Books ordered last month, and money was also used for several events
 - Grade amounts to be transferred soon
 - \$4500 to come out of operating account for this
 - Will be reaching out to people to get expenses paid out for the year as well
 - After all this, should have about \$20,000 in operating account

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- Michael Barcadepone, Superintendent
 - Not present

- Bruce Winkelstein, Brookside Principal
 - Very busy with many events at this time of year
 - Will be getting a newsletter out to parents
 - Art show is tomorrow night at Brookside 5/16
 - Chorus Concert next Wednesday, grades 4-8
 - Band concert following week
 - June 6th
 - Will be sending out information to parents next week
 - 8th grade field trip to Boston
 - Week of 29th of May
 - Upcoming grade events
 - 4th grade has Kinetic Sculpture week
 - 5th grade Mars Project
 - 6th grade Disaster Project
 - 7th grade and 8th grade lots of events
 - 8th grade ted talks and service projects
 - Met with kids about electives and starting to schedule them
 - 8th grade is tougher, smaller class size, will try to get them their electives
 - If they cannot get their first choice will talk to them about alternative choices
 - Thank you for teacher appreciation week!
 - Loved lunches and especially the charcuterie boards
 - Ice pops to be handed out at end of day today for kids who had NJSLA testing
 - Grace Perruzzi had 2 questions
 - 1st question
 - Who is helping with 3rd grade orientation?

- Mr. Winkelstein responded - Teachers selected group of 8th graders to help with this
 - 2nd question
 - Will there be a Ted Talks parents can attend?
 - Mr. Winkelstein responded - Kids already did it for their peers, then each class picked a winner, and teachers picked a couple they liked
 - The selected Ted Talks will present to whole grade, and invite the parents of the kids that are presenting
- Anastasia Maroulis, Hillside Principal
 - Coming off staff appreciation week
 - Beautiful week, made for a very special week
 - Staff truly appreciated it, thank you
 - End of year coming quick!
 - Trying to keep schedules intact and kids on track until end of year
 - Art show tomorrow night at Brookside 5/16
 - Field Trips this Friday and next Thursday and Friday for grades 1-3
 - 3rd Grade orientation at Brookside on May 28th
 - 3rd grade Crestwood picnic on May 30th
 - Year end assessments happening now along with class placements
 - Updates on teachers
 - Mrs. Meko going on maternity leave all of next year
 - Ms. Blanco-Rivas will be out for part of next year
 - Pam Flynn and Diane Librot are retiring this year as well
 - Ms. Natoli is resigning
 - Playground project
 - All finalized, materials being ordered
 - Will start as soon as school year finished
 - Trying to excavate areas of water
 - Trying to increase footprint for kids
 - Losing parking spaces in back, so drop off will be different
 - Circle in back will be tightened up
 - Will be addressing again in August
 - Sharon Murphy said to Ms. Maroulis to please ask PTO for any help that may be needed for this
- Kelsey Aughey, Hillside & Brookside Representative
 - Not present

PTO EVENTS

- Staff Appreciation Recap (Shaz/Sharon)
 - Thank you to all the teachers! So happy to hear you enjoyed the week
- Boulders Family Night Recap (Lori S)
 - Boulders game was this past Saturday night
 - Made over \$1500 from this fundraiser
 - All families had a great time
 - Want to do it again next year
- May Testing Ice Pops: 2:15 @ Hillside, 2:45 @ Brookside
 - Bringing in ice pops to both schools today after NJSLA testing

- Chipotle Night 5/15 (Nikita)
 - Community take-out night tonight at Chipotle in Ramsey
 - Can take out or order online (pick up only)
 - Please use code when ordering online, otherwise can show flier or say you are supporting Allendale PTO if taking out
- Celebration of the Arts
 - At Brookside tomorrow night 5/16
 - Thank you to all those who signed up to help Mr. Sousa
 - Will have light refreshments
- APD Helmet Initiative
 - PTO very happy to partner with APD on this initiative
 - Officer Ace will be driving around and if he sees kids riding around with their helmets on, they will get a gift card for either ice cream or pizza
- 1st grade service project - Alex's Lemonade Stand
 - Trying to get 1st Graders more involved
 - Will be selling lemonade during lunch on June 3rd
 - Will also be selling after school on day of Spring Concert
 - There will be a flier for this coming out soon
 - Will be \$1 per a cup of lemonade
- Last General Meeting and Volunteer Thank you Breakfast in Hillside Cafe 6/5
 - Thank you for all volunteers for this year
 - Can have breakfast and stay for meeting
- K Move Up Day date
 - June 10th
 - Ms. Maroulis to send out something closer to Memorial Day
 - Please invoice PTO for pizza party in cafeteria
- Field Days
 - Brookside: 6/11, rain date 6/13
 - Hillside: 6/14, rain date 6/17
 - Working with gym teachers and doing it differently, breaking up into teams
 - May need more volunteers so will have a sign-up genius going out soon for that
- Ice Cream Truck 6/17 (Lori S)
 - Confirmed dates and locations with Ms. Maroulis and Mr. Winkelstein
 - Thought it would be a good idea to have 2 ice cream trucks per a school, but open to suggestions
 - Want to bring some treats as well for preschoolers since they end early
 - Also want to make sure to include after care kids
 - Ms. Maroulis says ok to do after school
 - Hilltop and PreTop end of 2:30pm, so pls consider something for them as well as per Ms. Maroulis
 - Mr. Winkelstein says if after school, would recommend giving each kid a ticket
 - If during the day may not need to give tickets
 - May be better to do out on field, so we do not block traffic at Brookside
 - Can also dismiss a few minutes early if needed
- End of Year Pizza party 6/19
 - Similar to winter break pizza party
 - Memory book signing will occur during party

End time: 9:40am

UPCOMING DATES

- 5/15 Ice Pops for 3rd grade and Brookside
- 5/15 Chipotle Night
- 5/16 Celebration of the Arts
- 5/22 Brookside Chorus Concert
- 5/30 3rd Grade Party
- 5/31 3rd Grade Party Rain Date
- 6/5 Birthday Bees (June)
- 6/5 Thank You Breakfast/ last General Meeting
- 6/6 Brookside Band Concert
- 6/7 Hillside Spring Concert
- 6/7 Torch Run
- 6/11 Brookside Field Day
- 6/12 Birthday Bees (Summer)
- 6/14 Hillside Field Day
- 6/13 Brookside Field Day Rain Date
- 6/17 Hillside Field Day Rain Date
- 6/17 Ice Cream Social Hillside and Brookside
- 6/19 Pizza Party/ Last Day of School