



Hillcrest PTO Agenda

October 14, 2024 - Hillcrest Library

Attendees: Kris Wells, Sybilla Buhr, Kelly Hayes, Molly McGregor, Tiffany Evans, Andrew and Bridget Buckman, Carri and Matt Holewinski, Brianna and Chris Patterson, Jen Bernard, Nicole Fieck, Alex Zemple, Amanda Devroy.

Review and Approve August 2024 Minutes

Molly McGregor

Motion to approve by Kelly Hayes, second by Tiffany Evans.

Principal's Report

Mrs. Wells

- October is Safety Month
 - Three times throughout the school year students and staff practice what to do during an emergency situations
 - Completed intruder drills
 - Hobart Fire Department presented to all levels last week
- Family Engagement Night:
 - Last week hosted the first one of the school year, well attended
- Family Newsletters
 - Continue to be developed and shared weekly
 - Some aspects are district defined, some are school site based
 - Please send any feedback to Mrs. Wells on content
- Construction updates
 - All 1st and 2nd grade classrooms open
 - Continue working on existing upgrades prior to working on the build out
 - Tour of new space provided following the meeting
- Upcoming School Events
 - October 17, 2024: Knowledge-a-thon
 - October 18, 2024: PTO sponsored Bingo
 - October 24-25, 2024: No School
 - November 12 & 14: Parent Teacher Conferences and Book Fair

Officers' Report

President's Report

Sybilla Buhr

- Bingo Night
 - This Friday (October 18) 6:30PM
 - Will be previewing prizes on facebook this week
 - Looking for 5th grader to help with snack table
- Stroll Magazine New published article (Have copy available)

Vice President's Report

Kelly Hayes/Tiffany Evans

- Cub scouts leader offering to support service projects at Hillcrest.
 - Discussed buddy bench as possibility, would not likely be impacted by construction based on current playground area
 - Open to other ideas as identified by school

Treasurer's Report

Maddie Silk

- Sybilla shared expenses/deposit report as prepared by Maddie.

Committees

Artsonia - Kelly Hayes

- Parent volunteers helping upload art. Working well, staying caught up

Butterbraids - Alex Zemple

- Opened this week, it will close Friday October, 25, 2024.
- As of tonight: 139 sold, goal to sell 200 to receive free shipping
- Pick up November 4, 2024 3:45-5:00 PM

Mums - Sarah Zemple

- Thank you for all the orders.
- Total of 545 Plants raising nearly \$4000.
- Thank you to Sarah and Katie for help during pick-up.

Spirit Wear - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson

- No updates

Reading Program - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson

- Football program. Information went out with students today.
- Students read 60 minutes total for 4 weeks (total of 240 minutes) will earn a ticket to the Packers Hall of Fame
- Classes with 75% participation, can receive \$100 from Tundra Tales,
- If 5 or more classes have 75% participation, entered for chance to win \$1,000 grant for literacy resources

Parent Teacher Conference Dinners - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson

- No updates

Knowledge-A-Thon - Bob Zemple

- Reminder posted on facebook today.
- Event Thursday 10/17, volunteers are still needed
- Pledges accepted using, cash, check, platform or Venmo.

Restaurant Fundraisers - Tiffany Evans & Molly McGregor

- Red Robin profited \$135.57
- Qdoba profited \$231.47
- Chuck E Cheese scheduled Friday November 1, 2024

RaiseRight - Matt Holewinski

- Bonus over the weekend in October

Box Tops for Education - Carri Holewinski

- October is a referral month. Anyone who referred- each party will get a \$5 bonus.

Book Fair - Kelly Hayes & Mrs. Markowski

- Will be in need of parent volunteers, sign up will be forthcoming.

Running Club - Natalie Coffman

Cookies & Colors - Kelly Hayes

- Will occur in November.

Holiday Shop - Jen Bernard

- Dates are set: Dec 5th afternoon-Dec 6 afternoon.
- Will be needing volunteers, signup forthcoming.

Family Fun Night - Open - (Sub-committees - Games) (Ticket/Basket/Food & Donations filled)

- Date set February 28th
- Games sub-committee needed

Staff Celebrations - Tiffany Evans

- Going well, staff appreciating it.

Staff Appreciation - Kelly Hayes & Sybilla Buhr

- Also going well. Caramel apple bar
- Heather is planning next month.

Wreaths - Katie Lechterman & Sybilla Buhr

- Scheduled Orders due by Nov 24th.
- Will open following Butterbraid

New Business/Ideas

Battle of the Books

Sybilla Buhr for Mrs. Markowski & Mr. Thompson

- 4th and 5th graders read and have discussions, comprehension tests, and compete with other schools in the district.
- Requesting to allocate an additional \$200-250 funds to support purchasing books, incentives
- Using Scholastic book dollars
- Increase participation, needing additional copies of books
- Has its own budget line/not teacher request

Request granted, no objections.

Career Exploration Books

Sybilla Buhr for Mrs. Palomaki

- \$139 for career exploration books.
- Uses for 2-5th grade, resource within curriculum

Request granted, no objections.

4th Grade Transportation Support for Madison Field Trip Sybilla Buhr

- Transportation expense increases
- \$56/per student based on current expense
- Looking to have PTO allocate \$2380
- Due to cost of bussing and other events planned, 5th grade team made decision not to go to Madison

Request granted, no objections. *Discussion that cost was a factor in 5th grade decision not to participate, that PTO is open to considering transportation cost support for them as well. It was approved to support part of transportation expenses for both 4th and 5th grade classes last year which did not occur due to other logistics.*

Popcorn Supplies for the school Kelly Hayes

- Previously had line item in PTO budget, removed and used other funds.
- Request to bring back to PTO sponsored items
- Highest estimate \$650 for the year.
 - Exploring vendors for supplies

Request granted, no objections.

Other business:

- Fudge eggs offered near Easter from Beerntsen's Candy, will be creating a fundraiser proposal.
- Considering PTO sponsored dance in April.

Adjournment

Sybilla Buhr

Our next meeting is on Monday, November 11, 2024 at 6:30pm