



# Hillcrest PTO Agenda

September 9, 2024 - Hillcrest Library

**Attendees:** Sybilla Buhr, Kelly Hayes, Molly McGregor, Maddie Silk, Tiffany Evans, Andrew and Bridget Buckman, Kira Hanson, Heather Piwonski-Dickinson, Carri and Matt Holewinski, Brianna Patterson, Jen Bernard.

**Call to Order 6:30pm**

**Sybilla Buhr**

**Review and Approve August 2024 Minutes**

**Kelly Hayes**

Motion to approve by Tiffany Evans, second by Heather Piwonski-Dickenson

**Principal's Report - (Mrs. Wells out this month)**

**Sybilla Buhr**

- Beginning of the School Year
  - Within the next two weeks, the teachers will be completing the fall assessments to see where the students are at
  - Assessment has changed to be consistent across the state and will now use AimsWeb instead of FastBridge
  - New learning for everyone
- Parent pick-up
  - Thank you for your patience as we work through new procedures
  - Each day seems to get a little better
  - Would love to hear feedback about how it is working from parents perspective
- Family Newsletters
  - This year, Mrs. Wells will be sending out newsletters twice a month to share school news, information, and events
  - Will also highlight students and staff
- Construction updates
  - New section of the building (up by main office) will be ready for students the week of Sept. 23rd
  - All 1st and 2nd grade classes will move the following week with all students occupying the new space by the beginning of October
  - Hook areas in that section will follow within the next month or two
- Events
  - September 12, 2024: Picture Day
  - September 18, 2024: Mum delivery
  - September 27, 2024: No School/Staff Professional Development

**Officers' Report**

President's Report

**Sybilla Buhr**

- PTO Board/Member introductions
- Open Secretary Position
  - Molly McGregor appointed

- Updated Bylaws - approval vote
  - All attendees in favor, no objections
- Hillcrest PTO Website
  - Sybilla has been working on developing the PTO website. Please review and provide any feedback. <https://www.hillcrestpto.org/>
  - Thank you to Sybilla for all the hard work on this
- Stroll Magazine published article (Have copy available if anyone wants check it out)
  - First story introducing the board published in the September edition

#### Vice President's Report

**Kelly Hayes/Tiffany Evans**

- First PTO newsletter was sent home 9/6/24 and posted on Facebook page.  
Thank you to Tiffany for your hard work on this

#### Treasurer's Report

**Maddie Silk**

- See August 2024 Budget Report

### **Committees**

#### **Artsonia - Kelly Hayes**

- Recruiting Volunteers to support scanning student artwork
- Needing 1 parent per grade level
- Have some volunteers, still in need of additional

#### **School Supply Kits - Bridget Buckman**

- 28 kits sold for 24-25 school year, no profit
- Due to changes with Bright SchoolKits, costs are listed per line item. This is likely deterring families outlining significant mark-up on items. Also requires an opt-in for donation to school.
- Recommendation made to use a different company for next school year or eliminate kits

#### **Mums - Sarah Zemple**

- Orders close 9/10/24, payment due 9/11/24
- Pick-up 9/18/24 2-4:30PM. Final details determined following order finalized

#### **Spirit Wear - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson**

- Hope Clothing store opens today, 9/9/24. Will be open all year
- This year all styles will be open to all school locations and will need to enter Hillcrest in order to receive the sales profit back.

#### **Reading Program - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson**

- Will start in October 2024

#### **Parent Teacher Conference Dinners - Heather Piwonski-Dickinson**

- No updates at this time

#### **Knowledge-A-Thon - Bob Zemple**

- Format and incentives same
  - All students will participate
  - Certificates will be provided and ribbons following event
  - Students with perfect school will receive family fun night incentive
  - Class with highest percentage will have name on trophy, extra recess, \$50 RaiseRight gift card for teacher
- Will be using different pledge platform (no associated fees)
- Questions and pledge sheets will be distributed later this month
- Feedback on activity: families have a positive view of event, limited commitment to preparation. Looking for feedback from staff if their preparation for students is manageable.

### **Science Fair - Bob Zemple**

- Date TBD in May 2025. Kick-off event in April 2025.

### **Restaurant Fundraisers - Tiffany Evans & Molly McGregor**

- August Scott's Subs Profit: \$314
- September: 9/10/24: Red Robin
- October: 10/9/24: Qdoba
- November: 11/1/24: Chuck-E-Cheese

### **RaiseRight - Matt Holewinski**

- New shop online feature
- Bonuses continue to be offered, continuing reviewing app

### **Box Tops for Education - Carri Holewinski**

- Looking to increase involvement
- If get a referral from coordinator (Carri), additional bonus provided
- Easier to link account to payment method and some retailers
- Keep scanning your receipts!
- So far there is \$150 earned for the school

### **Book Fair - Kelly Hayes & Ms. Markowski**

- No update, will occur during conferences

### **Running Club - Natalie Coffman**

- No update, will occur spring 2025

### **Cookies & Colors - Kelly Hayes**

- Dates TBD

### **Holiday Shop - Jen Bernard**

- Welcome and thank you to Jen leading this, dates TBD
- Have requested more items from the supplier to avoid high amounts of IOU's required over the past few years

### **Family Fun Night - Open -**

- Overall chair open
- Will need new decorations, looking at making updates for the event related to theme, possible online auction, time of year.
- Thank you to volunteers for subcommittees:  
Games: **Open**, Food: Brianna Patterson, Tickets: Kira Hanson, Baskets: Jen Bernard, Donations: Sybilla and Jen Bernard

### **Staff Celebrations - Tiffany Evans**

- Has started providing Birthday card and small favorite item (food or drink treat)

### **Staff Appreciation - Kelly Hayes & Sybilla Buhr**

- Looking for monthly volunteers to adopt a month to do an appreciation activity for staff. Will be given a budget for each month
- Some volunteers secured, in need of some additional

### **Wreaths - Katie Lechterman & Sybilla Buhr**

- Working with Scenic View on upcoming logistics

### **New Business/Ideas**

- Looking at possible chocolate fundraiser near Easter (possibly Seroogy's)
- Considering family dance as sponsored PTO activity, low cost associated to cover any expenses

### **Adjournment**

**Sybilla Buhr**

\*Our next meeting is on Monday, October 14, 2024 at 6:30pm\*