

Date: November 11, 2025

Time: 6:00PM

Location: Hillcrest Elementary School - TBD

Board Attendees/Principal

- Mrs. Wells
- Sybilla Buhr
- Kelly Hayes
- Tiffany Evans
- Maddie Silk
- Molly McGregor



Meeting Minutes

Attendees: Mrs. Wells, Sybilla Buhr, Kelly Hayes, Tiffany Evans, Maddie Silk, Molly McGregor, Amanda, Katie Lechterman, Alex Zemple, Bob Zemple, Heather Piwonski-Dickinson, Bridget and Andrew Buchman, Vicky Xiong,

Topic	Discussion	Follow-up
Call to Order Minutes	Welcome & Introductions Review and Approve October 2025 Minutes: Minutes found on website , Will add to facebook and PTO newsletter	
Principal's Report 25- Mrs. Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Parent teacher conference & book fair ongoing-new provider, open to feedback• Asking for funds, looking to purchase 2 soccer goals, \$4,000 for both, goal with approval would be installation for spring 2026.• Field trips:<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 3rd graders went on field trip today◦ 11/25/25-Kindergarten fieldtrip to building for kids.• Upcoming events<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ No School 11/26-11/28◦ Winter Concert 12/12/25 3-5 graders, performances at 9:30am, 2:00pm◦ Kindergarten -2nd grade concert will be in spring• District<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Family engagement sessions, tomorrow night at 6PM at high school. Looking for input on district needs.	
President's Report- Sybilla Buhr	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bingo: Went over well, 150 people attended, prizes for all ages.• Did put insurance in place, effective 10/27/25, annual policy	
Vice President's Report- Kelly Hayes & Tiffany Evans	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Looking into interpreting services for PTO meetings and events, secured funding, need 2 weeks request, working to secure SL interpreter	-Notification by parent needed 2 weeks in advance of participation
Committees Reports	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Artsonia: (Kelly)<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Mr. Karls open to continue, looking for volunteers to scan by grade level. Amanda, open to helping but work until 3:30pm• Butterbraids (Alex Zemple) 11/3/25-11/14/25<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Currently at 134,◦ Pick up will be 11/21/25 3:30-4:30• Cookies & Colors (Kelly Hayes) Tuesday 10/14/25<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ 55 registered-went well but this will be the cap number of students.◦ Looking to offer family based one in Jan 2026• Gnome Games: Family Game Night: 11/14/25<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Coming onsite for family game night 6:30-8:30p.m at Hillcrest• Holiday Shop (Syb & Katie Lechterman) 12/8 & 12/9<ul style="list-style-type: none">◦ Families elect to send money for students to purchase small gifts at school for desired family, friends and pets.◦ Previously used company to provide gifts, all inexpensive low quality gifts. Will be purchasing gifts for the event directly this year. No IOU's will be	-consider volunteering and let Kelly know if and when you are able to help.

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- Ice Skating Night (*Committee Open*)
 - Looking to offer family ice skating night during winter at Howard Commons
 - Committee chair open-low commitment. Would need to organize a date, be a point of contact for communication, and be present during the event.
- Brain Buster (*Bob Zemple*) **10/30/25**
 - Feedback from teachers: Younger group: positive feedback, older group polarized feedback,
 - Adjustments based on feedback will be made for next year, follow
 - Format went well, looking to adapt based on feedback
 - Next year looking for co-chair to take over for future years
 - Total pledges being calculated, estimated to be around \$3,000.
- Restaurant Night (*Tiffany and Molly*)
 - October: Seroogy's Coffee& Candy-raised nearly \$2,000
 - November: Marcus Theatres: 11/10/25-11/24/25
 - Platinum Discount tickets will be \$9.50/each, earn \$3 snack per pair
 - \$10 or \$25 gift cards
 - Seller incentive , pair of tickets and snack cash for \$300 in sales
 - *Must enter orders online
 - December: Marcos Pizza:
 - Dec. 2-4,
 - volunteer sign up on facebook forth coming, 2 shifts per evening will be needed to help find boxes for orders
- Reading Program (*Heather Piwonski-Dickinson*)
 - Oct Challenge one week blitz- Winners were: younger: Holewinski, upper: Juszczyk. Each class earned a movie and a fall theme treat.
 - Nov: reading blitz, compete within the grade, each teacher will get trophy and additional recess
- Spirit Wear (*Heather Piwonski-Dickinson*)
 - 86 orders, \$651 earned
 - Orders took longer than expected, will look at other options in for spring
- Teacher Conference Dinners (Nov. 6th/13th)
 - Tailgating first week and thanksgiving theme, few items still needed.
- Staff Appreciation: sent survey to staff on how they would like to be honored
 - Oct: Apples donated, delivered snack to teachers
- Tubbing Night:(*Syb*)
 - Date: March 6, 2026
- Wreaths: (*Syb*)
 - Orders open though 11/21/25
 - Pick up planned for 12/2

Treasure Report-
Maddie Silk

- No new items

New Business/
Ideas

- None submitted or discussed during meeting