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Hyde Park School General Board Meeting

1. Introduction, Amy Dangel

PTO Board is introduced.

Amy Dangel – President

Jessica Lund – VP

Cindy Klotz – Treasurer

Laney Reusch – Secretary

Michele Riddle– Extra Curricular

Kristen Annett – Volunteer Coordinator

JD Veratta – Athletics

Mindy Stodart Burke – Fundraising

2. Budget, Amy Dangel

The PTO's fund is dwindling and we need to replenish it. The classroom set-up budget has gone up from last year due to the thirteen additional staff this year. Specials Supplies costs went up from last year. Teachers must try to get grants to cover supplies. We added \$5k to their budget to help cover costs. Another hit to the budget are the PTO sponsors field trips, which are a huge expenditure. Marissa makes motion to approve budget. Cindy seconds the motion. Budget approved.

3. Volunteering

Process of retrieving a badge is explained. As long as there is a teacher present you can use the lobby guard sticker machine.

If you want to go on a field trip, you must get the full badge from security. Badges last five years.

We have fundraising ideas however we need volunteers to implement them. Any amount of volunteering helps! If you are able and willing to volunteer we welcome that. It will also help you become more familiar with the school.

4. Fundraising

The school has experienced 25% increase in enrollment over last year. With the growth of student volume, our expenses go up. That means fundraising is very important this year.

We have a few new fundraising ideas for this year, one being an "Amazing Race." We would open it to the community and engage the local businesses. We need volunteers to help make this happen. Another idea is to have an Alumni event. We could invite graduates to take a tour of the school and donate.

Socials are also a new fundraising opportunity. Everyone, please come, they are fun! It's an easy way to meet fellow parents and to raise money.

Our two major fundraisers for the school which we will be repeating for this year are the Spring Celebration & Read-a-thon.

5. Stem

We have a new Stem Teacher. She has a list of items needed for her classroom. If you know of anyone who has items to donate please let her know. She is requesting old phones, old computers, etc. that the students can reverse engineer. This is something she can use year after year.

6. Facilities

There is a tree near the playground with a lot of dead branches on it that is a concern. The district is aware of this but they haven't done anything yet. It is a safety concern. If you would like to email Ms. Amat she will forward the emails to the district so they know that it is important to us.

7. Vice Principal

We have a new Vice Principal this year, Ms. Sunderman.

8. Ms. Amat

Thank you for your support! We just hired 13 excellent new staff members. Thank you PTO for supporting our yearly staff retreat.

The newsletter comes out monthly via email from the Principal. Please talk to your children's teacher if you have an issue.

Parent teacher conferences and Open House is coming up. It is a district requirement to have Open House even though we have several other similar events such as the Ice Cream Social.

Math Workshop is coming up for parents on Wednesday.

Ms. Amat gets a lot of emails about safety concerns at drop off and pick up. Please put your child on the bus to help with traffic concerns.

Ms. Amat is coaching other principals through a program.

9. Closing comments, Amy Dengal

Shopping cards are an easy fundraising opportunity, They allow you to donate a certain % of your purchase to the school. There will be flyers in the Tuesday folders to show you how to do this. Also, check out Amazon Smile. Every time you buy something on Amazon it will donate a percentage. If you need instructions please go to the fundraising tab on the PTO website.

Please read the PTO blast. It comes out every week and has pertinent information. If you are not getting the email please contact us through email and we will add you.

Most Likely to Succeed is being shown in the gym on Thursday. It gives you the history of education. It showcases a school called High Tech High and it's impact on education today. We highly recommend you come to the viewing on Thursday. Please RSVP. Amy is going to bring refreshments.

Meeting adjourned.