



Hyde Park School

PTO Meeting Minutes

October 6, 2017

8am

Board Members

Jessica Lund-President | TBD-Vice President | Emily Danner-Treasurer | Emily Gaul- Secretary | Beth McPeek- Fundraising Chair | Ashley Tolokonsky- Extracurricular Coordinator & Socials | Amy Sloney-Volunteer Coordinator | Will Menz- Athletic Director

Scribe

Emily Gaul

New Business

1. Hyde Park School Community Play Yard Update - Marisa Rowe

- A. Group of 12 parents working to revamp the play yard
- B. Fundraising
 - Letter sent out to HPS families mid-September, requesting donations
 - Actively searching for corporate donors
 - Check with your company to see if they have a matching program; the Hyde Park School Foundation is continuing to match funds donated. The Hyde Park School Foundation is a 501-3c nonprofit, so donations are tax-exempt
 - Presence at the Hyde Park Art Fair to raise community awareness
 - Encouraging school-wide parental participation
 - So far, about half of the money needed for the project has been raised
 - A Harvest Pumpkin Chuck is an event coming up that will raise money; donate \$5 to launch your jack-o-lantern from a dad-engineered catapult

2. Principal's Report - Jill Sunderman

- A. Crosswalk Volunteers

- Request for volunteers to help students crossing the Edwards/Observatory intersection when Roslyn is absent
- There are only two district substitute cross guards, both of which are already scheduled by the time HPS calls
- Contact Peggy in the office to have your name put on a list of possible volunteers

B. First- and Second-Grade Class Size

- Working with the district on possible scenarios to lessen the number of students in the first and second grades
- Limitations include building space

3. Current PTO Initiatives - Jessica Lund

A. Mrs. Hughes' Virtual Reality Goggles

- Smartphones are needed for the goggles to work; if we don't get the phones, we can't get the goggles
- If you have an old phone, please donate it!

B. Volunteer Needs

- Continue to check the weekly newsletter to sign up for volunteer positions
- Currently researching a dedicated page to house our full list of volunteer positions (Restaurant Night Coordinator, Teacher Appreciation Lunch Coordinator, the PTO Board roles, etc.)

C. Financial Overview

- Budget passed at last month's PTO meeting
- Expense amendment - motion approved to add \$60 of expenses for teacher prizes for winning the best Read-a-Thon door decorations
- Ice Cream Social and New Family Picnic came in under budget
- \$9,400 has already been spent on field trips
- HPS Socials are not only great for community building, but they raise a lot of funds

4. Fundraising - Beth McPeck

A. September Successes

- LaRosa's Buddy Cards sold out
- HPS car magnets sold out
- Madtree Charity of the Month "Toss a Buck" game earned \$240, \$185 through Split The Pot Raffle

B. Read-a-Thon - General Info

- Second-largest fundraiser for the school, extremely important. Goal of \$16,500 in donations

- Great to have a literacy-focused time that also raises money for the school
- Ask grandparents, neighbors, etc. to be sponsors - all donations, big and small, are much appreciated
- Hoping for 100% participation; Reading Log will count towards team goal, pledges are not required to participate

C. Read-a-Thon Student Fun

- Teacher-sponsored “book-themed” door decoration contest, PTO will provide monetary prizes.
- Student rally is held on Friday, October 6
- Buddy reading program (older and younger student paired up), supports community building
- Many motivational prizes including awards to Top Readers, Team Winners, etc.

D. Read-A-Thon Events

- Blue Manatee author visit on October 16 for 3rd-6th graders
- Restaurant Day/Nights - October 18 and 19 at Bronte Bistro (20% of your purchase goes to the HPS PTO)
- Joseph-Beth Book Fair in the gym

5. LSDMC Update – Pete Riddle

- Principal search for next year is underway
- Strategic plan: set to expire soon, so working on an updated plan
- Gym Concerns
 - Condition of the roof is a big concern
 - Size is also an issue: looking at similar schools to consider enrollment/student body size in comparison to gym size and kitchen size, as well as if these schools have an auditorium; findings will be taken to the CPS Board

6. Sports Update - Will Menz

- Soccer is at its midpoint; great job to everyone because this is a huge program
- Basketball
 - New HPS endeavor
 - Currently looking for coaches and gym space
 - 120 students already signed up; teams are being figured out
 - Runs from November to February
- Baseball
 - In the process of finding a league
 - If interested in helping with the program, contact Will Menz at HPS.Athletics@mail.com

7. Questions / Introductions

- A. Mark Messerly - PTO Liaison/Music Teacher; if any information needs to be communicated to the rest of the teachers, he is the point person
- B. Representative from CASE, Craig Rosen, with information about Issue 24
 - Issue 24 is a 51.5 million-dollar levy; it is a *renewal* levy, as it was first passed in 2008. It's critical to continue technology programs and training, opening new schools, etc.
 - Yard signs and buttons are the most effective; consider putting one in your yard
 - "My Tomorrow Family Engagement Conference" hosted by Cincinnati Public Schools is Oct. 21 from 8:30-3pm
 - Go to www.yes4cps.org for more information
- C. Question from a Meeting Attendee: Could there be a student council representative at LSDMC meetings? There's such a strong Student Council that it would be great to have a quick report from a student.

Adjournment

8:35 am