

AGENDA

Hyde Park School PTO Meeting

November 1, 2017 | 7:00 pm

Board Members

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

Scribe

Emily Gaul

New Business

1. Principal's Report - Jill Sunderman

A. Read-a-Thon

- Thank you! Many logs were turned in; great to see reading buddies among the grades reading together.

B. There will be a Giving Tree in the office if you are interested in giving to some HPS families in need during the holiday season.

C. Hour of Code with Mrs. Hughes in December. The author of Sasha Savvy Loves to Code will be coming to present.

D. Paraprofessional Hires

- Interviewing for a few paraprofessionals on Friday, as well as going to the paraprofessional fair on November 18. HPS is in need of two building paraprofessionals to help with the younger grades, as well as one paraprofessional for the first grade because the current one is leaving.

2. Current Initiatives - Jessica Lund

- ##### A. "Your Child's Digital Tattoo" - Speaker Stephen Smith on 11/27 @ 6:30 pm in the gym

- This should be a worthwhile presentation that discusses the dangers and changes in technology, as well as what we can do as parents to prepare our kids to use their devices and social media appropriately, especially when considering what mark it may leave for the future.
- If we feel like he's a successful speaker and educator, he can present to the kids at a later date.

B. Thanksgiving Meal Initiative

- Emmy Ellis and Peggy are helping families in-need at HPS; we'd like to provide for them on the Thanksgiving holiday; all those donating and those families receiving are anonymous.
- If interested in helping, give your email and we'll get you more information such as the list of necessary groceries.

C. Winter Coat Drive Initiative

- Bring in gently-used coats; there will be a coat rack for storage.
- Teachers will work with students in need
- More information will be on the newsletter about the drop-off location
- Clothing Closet - Student Council also collects and organizes gently-worn clothes that kids have outgrown and then stores them for other kids in-need

D. PTO's from other Cincinnati Public Schools Unite

- New group initiated to share best practices
- Beneficial for us because we're relatively a new school (this is our 6th year in operation); we can tap into schools that are well-established
- Meeting every two months

E. Movie Night

- Friday, November 17 movie in the gym
- Students will vote on Trolls, Captain Underpants, or Diary of a Wimpy Kid in music class
- It's free this year; bring a blanket and your own snacks!

3. Committee Reports

A. Fundraising - Beth McPeck

- Read-A-Thon Results and Successes
 - 23 winners got Blue Manatee gift cards
 - Pajama Day was fun for classes with over 80% reading participation
 - Exceeded goal of \$16,500 fundraised

- Under budget on expenses
- Great community event: thanks to all of the volunteers!
- Literature this year was different from last; we wanted to stress the importance of reading and not just focus on earning money pledges.
- Author visit was awesome; the popular L.A. author was thrilled by the HPS audience and said HPS students were extremely creative and respectful
- Small holiday capsule sale for spirit wear is coming up
- 11/29 Restaurant Night at Pizzeria Locale; 50% of sales go to HPS

B. Financial Update- Jessica Lund & Emily Danner

- Achieved our goal for the Read-a-Thon; 30% of our budget comes from this fundraiser, so we are pleased with the success
- Mad Tree event exceeded fundraising goal
- Socials continue to be strong, almost \$3,500 so far this year
 - Pumpkin Chuck is this Saturday, November 4 (10am-noon)
 - 4th-Grade Family Carnival is also Saturday, November 4
 - Family Swim Party in January - still spots available for the 3-5pm time slot; \$8 a person/ \$32 max for the family
- \$9,400 spent on field trips so far this year (Camp Ernst, Camp Joy, theatre for Kindergarteners, deposit for the zoo; Gorman Farm, among others)
- \$2,500 spent on Special teacher supplies
- \$1,000 towards classroom needs (listening center, new classroom set-up)
- Book fair profits are being used to buy books off teachers' wish lists
- Taxes have been filed

C. LSDMC - Pete Riddle

- Marisa has been diligently assessing the gym, looking at schools of similar age/size to see how our school fares in comparison; looking at construction of expanded cafeteria, too
- Permanent principal search is underway

D. Hyde Park School Community Update- Marisa Rowe

- Campaign will end in December; thank you for donating!
- 63% of the goal has been fundraised, so the First Phase of the project is a go; the First Phase includes removing the old asphalt and trees, planting new trees, adding a rubberized surface under a new play set. The Second Phase includes adding outside classrooms and stepping stones. We need 77% of the fundraising goal to complete Phase Two. The Third Phase includes the outdoor court (an all-sports surface for volleyball, soccer, etc).

- Fundraising is not over; the play yard committee is currently reaching out to HPS families and the neighborhood families, still meeting with foundations, working with business leaders and neighborhood leaders
- The HPS Foundation will match donations up to a total of \$50,000; Nov 14 is the last day of the match event share
- Madtree social event on November 14 to celebrate the play yard; it's free; RSVP
- Pumpkin Chuck - the catapult is built; there will be games, popcorn, free Starbucks; a \$5 suggested donation will allow each child to launch their pumpkin

E. Sports Update- Will Menz

A. Soccer

- Thanks to Mike Brugh, Bob Welch, and Kevin Hoffman for a great soccer season!
- Registration will start in January for spring soccer

B. Basketball

- Starts November 13 and ends in February
- We need some volunteers; contact Jessica Leimbach at HPS.Basketball@mail.com if you can help!
- 150 kids signed up; this is a 50% increase from last year

C. Summer Camp

- August 6-10; half-day (9am-noon) and full-day (9am-3pm) options

D. Wrestling and Baseball as Possible Future Options

4. Election - Vote for PTO Vice President is Successful

- A. Current Vice President had to step down
- B. Jason Debruer has declared his candidacy for the position; he is a 4-year parent at HPS with a 6th grader and a 1st grader

Adjournment

7:35 pm