

AGENDA



Hyde Park School PTO Meeting

September 1, 2022 | 6:30 pm

BOARD MEMBERS

Ashley Hammond - President | Hilary Vandermolen - Vice President | Emily Ricciardi - Treasurer
Kevin Vandermolen - Vice Treasurer | Michele Godsey - Secretary | Melissa DeMarcantonio - Fundraising Chair
Allison Moll - Extracurricular Coordinator | Jacquie Purcell - Volunteer Coordinator | Mike Brugh - Athletic Director Amy Lovelace, Kate Loveland, Ed Paff- LSDMC | Megan Baker Rivet & Jessica Sattler - ILT Representatives
Rachel Neaton & Mark Messerly- Teacher Representatives

6:30 Introduction of 2022-23 Board Members

6:35 Summer Review

PTO used funds to:

- Book purchases for classroom book studies
- Flex seating
- New flag outside building

6:45 Committee Reports

- Financial Update – Emily Ricciardi
 - (Book Fair was merged w Read-a-Thon; unfortunately, there won't be a book fair this year. More on this below.)
 - Presentation of 2022-23 PTO Budget
 - Vote on 2022-23 PTO Budget: there was a motion to approve the budget; the motion was seconded; and the budget was unanimously approved
 - Field trips (this is remaining the same as last year; 44K; teachers will use the 44K up front rather than asking parents for money)
 - Classes do between 5 and 8 field trips

- 3rd grade has the least field trips b/c they do Cosi toward the end of the year, and it's a bigger trip
 - Field Day expenditures has been raised to 5K now that's back from COVID in full force.
 - Book fair was merged w Read-a-Thon b/c Joseph Beth is no longer doing these. We have always used Joseph Beth and they took us by surprise that they no longer do book fairs. Scholastic also holds bookfairs, but they need to plan 1 year in advance so we can't secure Scholastic for this year, but we are securing them for next year. This year we'll do a book exchange so that people can get rid of old books. We'll post information about this as it comes closer.
 - We've helped support 11 teachers set up their classrooms!
 - The goal is to net out at zero. We've planned the budget to have a bit less revenue b/c last year was unusually high/generous giving to make up for the lack of fundraisers the previous years due to COVID.
- Fundraising – Melissa DeMarcantonio
 - Parent Socials (3rd Grade was last weekend. The list of dates is in the newsletter. Kindergarten is coming up on September 17)
 - Restaurant Nights (Sept. 27, Jason's Deli. We had Tom & Chee restaurant night this past week and made \$388)
 - Pumpkin Chuck–coming up. Will need a lot of volunteers. Stayed tuned to the newsletter for volunteering opportunities
 - Extracurriculars – Allison Moll: All are full! There will be a Spring semester of the extracurriculars. Also there will be a Spring Play (through Performing Arts Inc.) Circus, Playhouse, and Karate actually were not available to Kindergarteners even though it was stated that Kindergarteners could participate. We'll correct this in

our advertising going forward so that everyone knows the actual availability for their kids.

- Volunteering – Jacquie Purcell
 - Room parents still needed (Boada, Carroll, and Dibowski still need a room parent)
 - Kindergarten lunch duty volunteers
 - Next we'll need snack food for Parent/Teacher Conferences
 - Pumpkin Chuck is coming up, we'll need many volunteers for this
- Athletics – Mike Brugh
- LSDMC – Ed Paff, Amy Lovelace, Kate Loveland
 - Committee met August 30
 - Ed Paff elected chair
 - Hyde Park Neighborhood Council—they've noted traffic around HPS
 - Linwood's speed limit reduced to 30 MPH
 - Addressing Observatory from Madison to Edwards is their next push
 - LSDMC found a lead agency to partner with, to be tied into the community; Our lead agency is the Cincinnati Rec Commission. Our representative from CRC is Elise Aberdick. She will be starting around Sept. 18
 - Building construction is ongoing; working on a live feed and having blue prints online.
 - Vision 2020 Funds are expiring. The funds were used to pay for a staff reading specialist. We need to find other sources of revenue for this position.
 - LSDMC Meets 3rd Tuesday of the Month at 2:30

7:10 Principal's Report – Jill Sunderman

→ Please be aware of procedures for drop off and pick up

→ 548 students this year

7:20 Current Initiatives – Ashley Hammond

- Landscaping project - new turf (grass is being replaced with new turf, and a race track lane is being added with little gumdrop decorations that be climbed on). When this project is completed, we'll do a popsicle party on the playground to celebrate the completion of this project.
- Tom&Chee Restaurant Night results (\$388)
- Glow Golf 9/9 (earnings for this will go toward playground equipment)
- Read-A-Thon and Book Drive (doing a book drive instead, as described above)
- Hyde Park Heroes - September character trait is Curiosity. This is a school wide initiative. We do a character trait per month and students who have exuded the trait are chosen as a Hyde Park Hero. The Hyde Park Hero will get a cookie and yard sign to have in their yard for the month. As a school, announcements and presentations are made about what the trait means. Staff often read books that feature that trait).
- Bengals Spirit Day 9/9– wear Bengals spirit wear to school. There will be a pep rally that day!!

7:30 Adjournment