

Hilliard Bradley PTO



MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 5, 2019

MEETING MINUTES

ATTENDEES: President Crystal Billman, Vice President Stephanie Lambert, Jerri Letcavitz, Principal Mindy Mordarski, Angie Copeland, Brooke Germaine, Kawa Berman

I. SECRETARY'S REPORT (Rita Martin absent from Meeting).

1. Minutes from the October meeting were emailed previously, but will be reviewed and approved at the December meeting.
2. Website updates needed; roll fundraiser to be removed from website; Chipotle flyer to be moved to the top. Crystal will have Francis request the updates.
3. Mindy confirmed the Chipotle fundraiser can be included on the morning announcements. The group requested it be included for the entire week leading up to the 11/17 fundraiser.

II. TREASURER'S REPORT.

1. Treasurer Letcavits shared the bank statement as of 10/31/19. The \$195 reported for the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser is incorrect; we actually made \$260.
2. We are doing well with income, bringing in more than we ever have. Contributing factors include the 4th of July event, the business sponsors and Paypal. For PayPal we had an anonymous \$250 parent donation.
3. We have \$450 remaining for teacher meals, for the Spring meal. May not need to spend that because Skyline's manager has reached out and offered to donate for teacher appreciation. If they will donate the whole meal, we won't need to spend those funds.
4. Crystal received a reminder to file our non-profit filing with the Secretary of State. Jerri indicated it has already been filed, but she will review the email to ensure it's the same filing.

III. PRINCIPAL'S REPORT.

1. Last week almost 80 students were recognized for Student of the Quarter. The theme was Passion for Growth.
2. National Honor Society induction is this Thursday.
3. This year all 9th and 10th grade students will be visiting Tolls. 9th grade visits 11/22, and 10th grade visits 11/25. 10th graders have already heard a Tolls presentation and will be able to pick topics they want to see when they visit.
4. Haunting of Hill House is next weekend, Friday through Sunday.
5. Leadership Retreat is 11/23-24.
6. Winter athletics have started; parent meeting is Monday.
7. We're having a blood drive 11/13 after school.
8. Our band concert is 11/21 following a great marching band competition season.

IV. ISPTO REPORT.

1. The last meeting was brief; it was meet the candidates night.
2. They requested the PTO reps share their ideas about fundraising and getting volunteers. Jerri suggested we share our Paypal account success since she got that idea from the ISPTO meetings last year.
3. They shared that McAllister's Deli reached out about doing a spirit night; Crystal will pass on to Francis.
4. They had the financial workshop again and shared the PowerPoint about filings and other financial requirements.
5. Next ISPTO meeting is November 20th.

V. PRESIDENT'S REPORT.

1. The various methods we use to reach parents for cookie day, donations and other news was discussed. We need to find out how we can use School Messenger to reach the parents.
2. The teacher conference meal was a success. There was a lot of leftover food, so it was left in the fridge for the teachers to eat the next day. The teachers really enjoyed the steak stroganoff.
3. The Superintendent's luncheon was October 31st. They discussed branding and what they want people to think of when they see Ready for Tomorrow and Hilliard District logo. Also discussed the 2020 levy. Pass or fail, they will have to redistrict the elementary schools. They discussed the Bill aimed at delaying school start times. Various funding concerns were also discussed, and it was pointed out that 86% of the district budget is salary and benefits, so that doesn't leave a lot of room for budget cuts, unless you start to restrict staffing even more. We are the 2nd lowest overhead district in Central Ohio, which is huge.
4. We previously discussed wanting to help sponsor the leadership retreat, but wanted to find out what their need is first. They are awarding 6 full scholarships and 4 partial scholarships. A partial is \$75, so those students only pay \$25.
 - Model UN is making students pay their own way this year, so they may not be reaching out for a donation. If they don't, we could roll those funds over to Leadership Retreat.
 - Mindy will check with Meghan tomorrow, so we can let Leadership Retreat know how much we are able to sponsor, since it's coming up soon.
 - *Post-meeting, it was confirmed via email that both groups need assistance and \$175 will be provided to each.*
5. For the holiday gift cards, we've done 8 in the past but we've budgeted \$1,000 this year. We can do 8 larger cards or 10 \$100; it's Mindy's discretion. We will provide \$1,000 this year.
6. The Special Gifts program has not reached out for sponsorship of their Thanksgiving meal this year, but we would be happy to help again. Mindy will check with them. Sasha Buckingham is the teacher in charge of that.
7. We have \$100 in the budget left over from school supplies, since we didn't need to buy more this year. NBC4 donated from their backpack drive, so we were covered on supplies. That could go to Leadership Retreat as well if needed.
8. October cookie day was a success. Shani covered it and had leftover cookies. Shani is covering November cookie day on 11/20, but Crystal will be on vacation. She will send the email before vacation, but we can put it in Mindy's newsletter as well with a link to sign up. Crystal had a parent provide a \$100 gift card for cookie day, so we'll have that to use.

VI. NEW BUSINESS

1. For the next Coffee Cart, Mindy decided we will skip November and do a December Coffee Cart on 12/17. October's went well and there were plenty of snacks. We may need to provide more pop for the non-coffee drinkers. There are sodas in the storage closet that were left over from the teacher meal.
2. For the student scholarship, the information is being provided by Angie to Stephanie at the conclusion of tonight's meeting.
3. For the Texas Roadhouse fundraiser, Crystal was supposed to pick up everything today, but Tonya let her know that the gift cards were delayed to the 14th. She is hoping to move the pickup to the Monday before Thanksgiving.
4. Spirit night at Chipotle is 11/17 and you must show the flyer for the purchase to count.
5. The spiritwear sale was extended to the 10th. People can pick up purchases from Crystal's house prior to Christmas.
6. Holiday teacher cards and cookies. Janelle has the cookies and we will get them from her. Angie has the cards. We will take time at the December meeting to sign the cards and Angie will put them in teachers' mailboxes on Monday 12/16.
7. Discussion regarding the switch from ACT to SAT. There are more test prep opportunities for the SAT, and the test is offered for free. Students can still take both, but only the SAT will be offered for free.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, December 3rd, 7:00 p.m. in the Hilliard Bradley Media Center.