

## Hilliard Crossing PTO Meeting Minutes

October 11, 2022 7pm at Hilliard Crossing Media Center

**Participants:** Becky Mottlow, Kayla Pinnick, Katie Meyers, Jessica Andersen, Erica Dittoe, Naheda Ramadan, D'Jovana Carro, Emily Smith, Nikki Hursh, Ryan Taylor.

Erica called meeting to order.

### Welcome and Introductions

### Board reports

**Vice President:** Nothing new to report.

**Communications:** Nothing new to report.

**Treasurer Report:** There were 2 deposits for September, Amazon \$102.05 and Kroger \$743.90. There was also picture money that goes to the principles fund. Expenses included teacher appreciation lunch and teacher reimbursements, \$835.63. Mum sale profit was \$3,956.75. Cash donations counted for Walk-A-Thon today were \$438.96. Last school year the expense for Scholastic news was approved, which includes an additional \$59.50 for shipping that was not previously included in the budget. There was a discussion to take funds from elsewhere in the budget since the magazines are already approved. There is also a digital version that does not have shipping costs, that is \$5.39 per student, versus \$5.99 per student. The \$59.50 will come out of the project fund to cover the cost of shipping. D'Jovana motions to approve last month's financials, Naheda seconds, no one opposes.

**Secretary:** September minutes are posted to Google drive. Erica motions to approve minutes, Katie seconds. Minutes approved.

**Principal:** First of all thank you for everything you do, I know you go above and beyond to represent our school and with the Walk-A-Thon stuff and with fundraisers. Thank you, I appreciated it very much. Some upcoming dates we have: Conference night is next week October 19. Reminder that we have the Related arts zoom at 6pm which will also be in my bulletin, and the Reading support zoom is at 6:30pm on conference night as well. Picture retake date is October 20. The picture people said to make sure, if you want retakes, to bring your entire package back and then they replace it with the same package. No school Friday 21<sup>st</sup>. Third grade OAA testing is coming up on October 25<sup>th</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>. Costume day will be on Friday October 28<sup>th</sup>.

**Teachers Report:** We have Becky here today and she is here representing our staff: Now that I have been in elementary for my fourth year now and from talking and working with people from other schools and districts, we have a rocking PTO. You guys are amazing for our kids, for our school building. You guys contribute to a very fun atmosphere here. And I am just amazed by you guys. You guys are fabulous, it's awesome. It's the little touches too, like the extra touches with the bathrooms.

### Committee Reports

**Walk a thon:** We are close to goal, currently at \$8,035. Walk-A-Thon continues for another week. We can keep notifying on Facebook. The bracelets were a huge success, the kids absolutely loved them. There are 560 bracelets left. Kids also loved the games throughout the course. Good to mix up Walk-A-Thon and Read-A-Thon, possibly alternate the two every other year.

**STEM night:** Original date for STEM night was November 10 may need to push the dates back. Dates were reviewed for the year to determine best fit and availability for STEM night. Movie night will be moved to November 11<sup>th</sup>. Some ideas for movie night: concessions, pizza, snacks and drinks or donations of baked goods. Katie and Jessica will help with planning movie night. In February Mr. C does Heart Association. Feb 9<sup>th</sup> is teacher conferences. March is flower sale. We will plan for Diversity night in early March. Jessica B. is on board with doing diversity night. This may be her last year and is looking for more people to join the committee to pass it off next year. Ms. Mottlow would like to get involved with

diversity night as well. April 26<sup>th</sup> is Spring fling. May 5<sup>th</sup> Family Pick Nick is penciled in, as this date may change. May 12<sup>th</sup> is Field Day. As dates become more concrete, we will work on creating a flyer with dates for parents to be able to plan to attend as they are able.

Nikki Hursh is working on getting a grant to match funds for STEM night. If we do get the grant, we wouldn't get funds until December. If the grant is approved we will know in November. The grant is actually for \$5,000. Nikki plans to purchase the supplies for STEM night and turn into family engagement boxes. Kids would be able to check them out and take home and do with their families. Plans for STEM night to be moved to February if grant approved, or to January if grant is not approved.

**Spirit Wear (Amy):** Amy couldn't be here tonight. In our first round of spirit wear sales we made \$309. She is thinking about reopening the Spirit Wear shop in the next couple of weeks because there has been several people requesting it. It would be open in the beginning of November and then it would come before the holidays, people are wanting for gifts. This was the biggest Spirit Wear sale we've had. There are new designs and color options.

**Spirit Nights (Yeseul):** Katie will touch base with Rebecca. We are awaiting profit results from Chuck E Cheese. It seemed like there were a lot of people from Crossing but there was not good way of differentiating who was with Crossing and who wasn't. Katie received positive parent feedback, it was different and not just a restaurant. The coupons for tokens on the flyer were a bonus and cut parent cost down. Possibly do another one here in the winter. Get Air is also a possibility of future spirit night.

**ISPTO(Emily):** At the ISPTO meeting they talked about how there will be a Booster Financial Workshop October 26<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at the Central office. New treasures should attend. Anyone else that shows any interest in treasury for future years or any kind of PTO positions should also attend. The meeting will be a big overview of positions with main focus on financials. A presentation was given by Dave Stewart on the Strategic Design Committee/team, the first meeting is on the 25<sup>th</sup>. There is a district bus tour in April. There will be a tour of the Tolles facility this year as well.

**Teacher Wish Lists:** Will need to revisit after receiving more information on teacher requests.

**Hospitality (Maria):** There is a sign up for conference donations on Facebook. We are going to try for all donations this time and see how it goes. We did budget for second round of conferences if this first round is not very successful. We will also add to have food/donations in disposable containers.

**Book fair:** Coming on Thursday. Nikki will put a sign up for volunteers just for the sale days Wednesday and Thursday and during conference night, so parents can come in and shop as well.

#### **New Business:**

**RuthAnn Retirement:** She is retiring on Monday the 31<sup>st</sup>. PTO is going to provide lunch and flowers in addition to the staff plans.

**Playground:** Maintenance has brought 3 different companies come through to look at the playground. Crossing is one of the buildings with the most need with the equipment. PTO has approximately \$10K in the budget for playground. Waiting to hear what is going to happen from the district. Erica to approach and ask Superintendent to do walk though of playground. He will be here during staff meeting as well, Kayla will have him come out and look at the equipment. Possibly invite Superintendent to future PTO meeting as well.

#### **Other:**

Sign in front of school, north side hinge broken, Kayla will create work order.

Discussed the possibility new PTO project of planting trees by picnic tables for each 5<sup>th</sup> grade class going forward.

Emily asked whether the school webpage and social media was being updated. Kayla stated that Heather Sherrill is in charge of this. In the past the meeting minutes were sent to Ms. Sherrill to post on PTO page on school website.

Emily also asked about creating PTO board emails that would be passed down to different board members vs using personal emails, may be beneficial for contacting businesses and continuity through different board members.

D'Jovana Moves to adjourn, Erica seconds.

Meeting adjourned.