

Hilliard Crossing PTO Meeting Minutes

January 10, 2023 7pm at Hilliard Crossing Media Center

Erica called meeting to order

Participants: Maria Garcia, Erin Brandon, Julia Wirth, Hannah Walters, Anita Dignan, Shilo Kistler, Amy Welling, Kayla Pinnick, Katie Meyer, Nikki Hursh, Emily Smith, D’Jovana Carro, Ryan Taylor

Welcome and Introductions

Board reports:

Secretary Report: Minutes from December 2022 meeting are posted to google drive. Ryan moves to approve minutes, Katie seconds. Minutes approved.

Communications Report: January Teacher appreciation ideas to discuss at the end of the meeting.

ISPTO: ISPTO meeting in November was informative. Denim and Diamonds is March 3rd. Grant season is open for the HEA and to submit LOI by January 27th. Vendors for PTO to use were present. There were lists of ideas such as: Sales fundraiser, electronic fundraisers, donation fundraisers, non-food spirit nights, spiritwear vendors, fundraising tips, donation drives, food trucks and accounting software. Emily would make this list available to those interested and post on google drive.

Treasurer Report: November added a new line item in the budget for movie night, we made \$311. Book fair money repaid, we lost \$3.44. Charitable organization registration done with the State of Ohio was \$50, put under “accounting software” in the budget since Ryan paid for the software. Sympathy funds \$100 for the first half of the year. Update on teacher reimbursements, we are at \$1,394 (from 12 teachers). This is under \$800 for where we were for full year last school year. PTO grants are being paid out. The books ordered are in process and the rest of the Amazon orders should be coming in by mid-month. Walk-A-Thon funds have not come through yet, Erica to follow up.

Field day deposit coming up. Received Kroger and Box Tops check. Hilliard Education Foundation invoice was received, PTO normally contributes \$400 for Denim and Diamonds, will continue to do so as it is a line item in budget. Waiting to hear from Ms. Babcock for list of books to order. Erica ordered from Amazon for other set of books in Teacher Grants, since she was able to use PTO amazon account.

Amy motions to approve November and December budget, Katie seconds motion. November and December budgets approved.

Teacher Report: Third grade team is here, Anita Hanna and Julia. Julia was in 4th grade last year. Thankful for everything and the PTO activities. The parties being arranged are so appreciative especially after the COVID years. Fourth grade really enjoyed their field trip to the state house. Very appreciative of monthly appreciation days (hot chocolate bars, cupcake day etc.). Nikki has worked hard with 3rd grade team doing rock investigations and characteristics of matter.

Principal Report: Houses with the kids are back. The goal is to get the kids to interact beyond the walls of their classrooms. Every other Friday meet in K/1, 2/3, 4/5 teams. Teams have fun names and colors and will eventually develop their own crests, symbols and mottos. Kids will collect points for their team, start competitions like random acts of kindness, to build a stronger community outside of their classroom. Will order t-shirts eventually, mid-February. Conferences February 6-10. End of next week schedules should be out for sign up. Late conference night is February 9.

Committee Reports

STEM Night: February 23rd 5p-7pm. 5K grant was approved. Each team will come up with 2 activities and they have a budget from the grant. Half of grant will go to creating STEM bins with book and STEM activity and students will be able to check out and take them home. Pizza or meal was done the last STEM night since it was held during dinner hours. Can we do this again this year? Pizza is easiest. Use funds from PTO STEM night budget, have \$600 in budget. 3rd grade is winter theme. Erica check into pizza prices and possible discounts. Possibly ask for donation for water and snack bags.

Spirit nights: Flyers on this Thursday, 1/12/23 all day. 1/31 Grandads Pizza. 2/6 Chipotle. 2/24 Bibibop. 3/10 Chuck E. Cheese. Pending Spirit nights: No.1 Gyro Shoppe, Texas Roadhouse, Piada. Rebecca reached out to Get Air Trampoline Park, they were booked for the rest of the school year. Looking into fall 2023 for week in October where there is no school on Friday and have the Spirit Night on that Thursday. Rebecca looking into April /May one more restaurant and then either Graters or Ritas.

Conference meal: Idea for a taco bar or nacho bar? Yabos is within budget. Local Cantina price is high. Will check into prices at El Vaquero. Yabos does include chaffing dish. Supplement this with asking for sides donated from parents, Thursday Feb 9th. Taco night.

New Business:

Bookroom Volunteer: Tiffany will be doing book room volunteer.

Upcoming events:

Diversity Night: Nahita is moving forward with Diversity Night. She is doing most for diversity night, and is looking for a few more volunteers to help with committee if anyone is interested. Will ask for volunteers in Crossings weekly email. Need to set date, would like to do in March

keeping in mind that Ramadan starts March 22nd. Discussion of possible dates with Fridays preferred. March 17th was decided for date for Diversity Night.

5th grade celebration: Malory talked to 10 Pin, they would not require shoe rental. Students would need to wear tennis shoes, no crocs no flip flops. For 2 hours, 12:30-2:30, it would be \$10 per kid for bowling. \$1,900 for 5th grade celebration budget. Will double check with 5th grade team if they want 25th would be the date. Graduation on last day in the morning and clap out at end of day.

Project Fund: Due to COVID for the past couple of years and saving for playground, PTO has not made any big purchases for the school. There is around 17,875 in