

Hilliard Crossing PTO Meeting Minutes

March 12, 2024 7pm Hilliard Crossing IDC

Participants: Katie Meyer, Donna Rzepka, Janelle Aris, Lisa Flannagan, Brittnee Greshner, Carly Colombi, Erica Dittoe, Nikki Hursh, Ryan Taylor, Emily Smith, Elizabeth Kernan, Keri Winnger, Annita Dignan, DJovana Carro.

Katie calls meeting to order.

Welcome and Introductions

Board Reports:

President Report: At the past PTO President luncheon with David Stuart and other member of the district, they review the Master Facilities Plan along with the different options that was presented to the community members. They have presented this to the BOE and requested them to approve. The link on the agenda will have the presentation. David Stuart to attend our May meeting to give us an overview and do a Q and A.

Vice President Report: Nothing new to report.

Treasurer Report: STEM night money came in, we were under budget. Habaneros \$250. A few things that will be changes in the budget include: Fidelity bond this year is now \$100, normally it is budgeted for \$80. This will need to be changed going forward. Mr C.'s budget for field day this year was \$500, it ended up being \$534 due to pricing changes. Kindergarten is asking how much field trip money is left after bring the farm to you, Ryan will look into the budget and let them know. Lisa motions to approve February's Financials, Annita seconds. Financials for February 2024 approved.

Secretary Report: Minutes are posted to Face Book page to be viewed as well as the public google drive. The approved minutes have been sent to Ms. Sherrill for the Crossing webpage. Ryan motions to approve February minutes, Donna seconds. February 2024 meeting minutes approved.

Communication Report: Nothing new to report.

Principal Report: Mrs. Hursh here for Kayla. Thank you for your participation in STEM night, it was a great turn out, went great. Playground update: we were told it would be done last week, but with rain it became mud and had to wait. Hopefully will be done this weekend. We are heading into testing season. Testing starts March 26th and 27th, and most of April is state testing. Please try to schedule your child's appointments and trips to avoid missing testing dates. It is a very tight schedule. No school March 19th, staff professional development day. Spring break March 29th – April 7, April 8th no school due to the solar eclipse, no school April 10th due to Eid. Apology to anyone with a 4th grade student and tried to attend with them. A bus did not show up. We have rescheduled it for Friday April 12th, busses have been double confirmed for this. Hilliard schools will be providing glasses for each student and will be passed out prior to spring break.

Teacher Report: Mrs. Dignan representing 3rd grade is here. Third grade testing is coming up April 15 and 16th ELA reading 90min each day. Math testing is on April 22nd and 23rd math, it is 75 min each day. Everybody is doing a big push for review, good sleep habits. We reached out earlier this month to Linda Patton. She is Franklin county aSoin and Water conservation. She does a nice presentation with a soil tent and discusses soil and conservation. Landfill field trip possibly. Both of these fit into the third grade curriculum. On April 12th

Darby English teacher David Rickert will come and visit. He wrote a book, Pizza Pickles and Apple Pie, there will be an opportunity to purchase book and he will sign for the 3rd graders. We appreciate all the support for STEM night. Looking forward to the playground. Loved that you asked the kids what they would like, it was great they were included in the process. April 19th – 23rd book fair preview days, shopping day 24th and 25th. Late night April 25th. K-2 Irish dancers this week. Other grades have an assembly coming up this school year also.

Committee Reports:

Spring Flower Sale: Now. Raised just shy of \$800 currently, goal is \$4,500. Great start, keep sharing the links! Any questions contact Katie. Tuesday May 14th is delivery day. Sign up for delivery day to come out next month.

Teacher Appreciation Week: First week in May 6-10th. Carly, Brittnee and Donna to head this. March 19th 6:30pm at Katies house for preliminary planning if you want to join contact Katie.

Spirit Nights: Chuck E Cheese was around \$425. Raising Canes 21st.

Fifth Grade Celebration: Erica here, Tiffany is also helping. Budget is \$1,700. In the past they have gone to Ten Pin, lunch provided and a small gift (ex: t-shirt, goodie bags). Ten Pin was recently purchased by another company. It was \$860 last year for the fifth grade to go and this year is \$1,600. Looking into other options. Wondering if there is any flexibility in budget. Weather can be hard, other celebration options run the risk of being canceled. Looking for other great ideas. Getting busses this late in the year is also hard. Vote to use 5th grade field trip budget money \$900 to be reallocated for total of \$2,600 for 5th grade celebration contingent upon 5th grade teacher approval. All in favor, no one opposes, motion passes.

ISPTO: February ISPTO about fundraising and vendors used. A few schools use different spirit wear, Hoffman doing 5k. JW having children's theater coming for an assembly. Mobile Ed. Productions to have mobile planetarium and magic of science. Alton Darby does a Secret Santa shop that makes a lot of money. There are vendors for the adults in the gym while and children shop, Vendors pay a \$50 booth fee. It's similar to a craft fair. Denim and Diamond's has happened. ISPTO has 2 officer positions open if anyone is interested. Fidelity Bond price has increased and invoices have been sent out. More info to come for record retention rules.

New Business:

Staff in need of Language-learning Subscription: Staff is in need in a language learning subscription like Babble or Duo Lingo. Staff is currently researching options. There are currently 160+ EL students, 45 new English speaking students. 2 part time Spanish speaking liaisons. Plan is to have staff retreat to be moved to June and have Teachers use at home to try to learn basics to be able to speak with their students. Kayla would like PTO to donate funds in combination with Principal's funds and the school district. There is question about how much is the district going to pay. 1year subscription is approximately \$7,000 for Babble. Teacher reimbursement line item in the budget still has \$3,200, seems to be consistently has around \$2,000 left there at the end of the year. If this is an option the PTO would want to do, we would have to wait until the end of the year to ensure that teachers still have the ability to be reimbursed. Katie to get more information from Kayla before PTO votes.

Nomination Committee: Looking for treasurer for next school year. Ryan will be available for questions for next years board member. Need a Nomination committee to receive names of who would like to be on the board for the following year and bring it to the next meeting. Let Katie know if you would like to do this.

David Stuart coming to May PTO Meeting.

Old Business:

Spring Fling: April 25th. Ms. Sherill theater troop to volunteer and man the games. There are now carnival games for rent through the Darby Theater boosters, \$400 to rent games and add put put for additional \$100. Schools can then sell tickets for the games and keep the money. Letter for raffle basket donations to go out next week and items due before spring break. Rebecca's team to perform. Alcohol not to go forward this year to do more research on rules. Will try a few baskets that are geared towards adults vs kids, such as car wash, spa day, etc.

Domino's Fundraiser: Wanting to move forward with this proposed dates April 15th-29th. Dashboard to track sales. Prize component that is attached. Slice the price card is \$20, every large pizza ordered you get one free. PTO would get 50% of the profits. There is an all on line option, cash or check options as well. There is a small shipping cost to mail the cards, they ship directly to the person who orders it. Locations in Hilliard accept this card. Cards can be used online when purchasing pizzas. Vote to do Domino's online fundraiser, all in favor, no one opposes. Motion to use Dominos fundraiser this spring passes.

Amy Welling spoke with EPI, they are going to send 40 glue sticks to replace ones that have dried out along with samples of different headphones. Will be able to get a quote for these. Classroom box quotes submitted will come later this week. \$40 is the limit that we are allowed to charge for school supplies. Another possible company is First Day. Currently we are locked in this coming year with EPI. We could get a meeting with First Day if interested to see what other options are.

Donna motions to adjourn. Ryan seconds. Meeting adjourned.

Closing