

PTO April 8, 2015

Sign In:

Stephanie Spencer

Sherry Nannis

Jim O'Connell

Lynn Manseau

Pam Murphy

Lisa Walker

Joy BeBlanc

Karen Radwanski

Maureen Hamel

Laurielee Roy

Welcome Remarks:

Jim welcomes the group.

Minutes not available in print. Will be reviewed next meeting.

Online Safety Review:

Lisa reports out on Online Safety Night. The presenters were excellent.

Jim stated that Bedford Police Officers raised issues that many parents had not heard of. Jim would like to know more about peer-to-peer interactions online where the police presentation was focused on predators online.

Lisa W. remarked about how children don't know that "sexting" and sending certain images is a crime. Many children don't realize that sending naked images is a crime. Some talk is happening about bringing in presenter's that could address the children.

Karen R suggests planning it soon after open house in the fall so the parents could be informed about the event. Many children do not give their parent's the paper announcements that go home. Lisa suggests another online safety night for parents and one for the children.

Jim suggests that this become an annual event.

Lisa W will contact Sgt. Ledoux about setting up a date in the fall.

Book Fair Review:

Lisa W thanks all the volunteers. At this time she does not have the exact number but believes the goal was met.

Jim suggest taking Scholastic dollars as the school gets more though not in currency but in Scholastic dollars. Jim, Sue, and Lisa will review the actual dollar amount taken in.

Ice Cream Social:

Jim reports the event was a success. Appreciation to the Puritan Backroom for donation of 3 drums of ice cream. Only 1 had to be purchased for \$66.00. Approximately \$230.00 was taken in. Money will be used for the Hillside discretionary fund.

Lisa will talk to Mrs. Hannon about the exact amount.

Congratulations to Mrs. Hannon for being elected to the MEA.

#### Screen Display:

Jim reports that this has been going around and around for some time. The initial cost quote was too much money. Jim had another proposal and appraisal done.

Jim also went online and found that the content management system is online and free and would bring cost down by \$1,200.00

Jim also found a company online, CDW that quotes \$1,000.00 less.

A cable would need to be installed for approximately \$1,600.00

The screens, software, and all components would be approximately \$6,000.00.

The free software company also does some online support.

Jim has also inquired with city vendors as to the costs.

Mr. McCafferty suggests a subcommittee be formed to explore the product and local companies to “implement and own.” One of the questions about the system is who is going to be responsible for this?

Jim suggests that we look for someone “to own” the project.

#### Principals Report:

Mr. McCafferty thanks all the volunteers for their service at the annual fund-raiser. This has been a success for three years. The sense of community was outstanding. Thanks parents for book fair and share fair.

A week from Friday report cards will go home.

Smarter Balance testing has started. It has run smoothly but has had some bumps.

\$3,700.00 has been raised for Honor Flight.

Mr. McCafferty has been told that they will receive another team of teachers at Hillside. He’s been told that 4 teachers will be coming from the high school.

Jim has explained that there current budget and right now it is only a proposed budget. MSD doesn’t know how much money will be allocated to MSD from the state.

Mr. McCafferty would like one of those teachers to be a math teacher in the hopes of doing more math interventions.

#### Hillside Week:

School Spirit Week will be the week before vacation. Talent search has been done this week and round 2 will be next week.

May 7<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 2:30-4:30 Staff will meet and focus on the use of Chrome books and the Media Center. Last ½ hour the teachers will come to the cafeteria and be recognized for their extra efforts. This is also Teacher Appreciation Week.

Mr. McCafferty also reports that many students need more supports. Mr. McCafferty just came from an administrators meeting where a discussion about children needing more services occurred.

June 23<sup>rd</sup> is the last day of school.

Promotion ceremony June 22<sup>nd</sup>, tentative.

Bring It program has approximately 10 new students.

STEM program has about 10 children per middle school.

Boston Pops trip is coming up and soccer tryouts are next week.

Jim has proposed that the PTO handle the money for the soccer program-somewhat like what the PTO does for the Kiwanis Club. We could take in the funds and pay out. More discussion about this will happen with Jim & Jay.

Mr. McCafferty reports that SNHU and Boston Celtics donated a beautiful computer room.

He would like to do a weekly spot on school website highlighting a child. Parents would need to sign off permission for their child to be on the web. Another option is highlighting a child on the school monitors inside the school.

Treasurer Report:

Joy L reports \$930.00 in the Operating Acct.

Auction Account- \$34,088.32

Joy handed out "Hillside Middle School Parent Teacher Organization 2015 Auction Benefit Profit and Loss Statement as of 4/8/2015" report.

Final amounts are not in as we are still waiting for money to come in.

Ticket sales were increased this year.

Moving Forward on Auction money will be discussed @ next meeting 5/13/2015.

Meeting adjourned 9:05