

Hillside PTO Minutes

February 6, 2014

Attendees Per Sign-in Sheet

Jim O'Connell
Lisa Walker
Leslie Want
Lisa Walsh
Sherry Nannis
Justine Bernard
Shawn Baskerville, Assistant Principal

In Memoriam – a moment of silence for Maggie Philbrook
A check-in to inquire on how the school is dealing? Question of whether there is a role for the PTO?

Mr. Baskerville arrives:

Lisa Walsh brings up a point of clarification with regard to the January 9 minutes which stated: "there is a problem using Google Docs ... under Steve Manero's name." Mrs. Walsh clarifies that there are accessing problems and that it is a matter of the g-mails merging together, rather than any reference to Steve Manero personally.

Minutes of January 9, 2014 are adopted.

Treasurer's report:

Lisa Walsh speaking for Mike Walsh who is not present at the meeting.

School District account - \$8283.25
Purchase of interactive mimeo - \$7,875.00
Purchase of Printer - \$359.00
February Balance - \$49.85

PTO Controlled Acct: - \$1,432.24
(+) 2014 Auction Sponsorships \$600
(+) 2014 Auction ticket sales - \$250
(-) 2014 Auction Printing - \$ (136.09)
(-) 2014 Auction Supplies - \$(29.58)
February balance \$2,116.57

PTO Operating Account

January 2014 Balance - \$1,842.22

There was a question if we should leave the balance with the School District? The consensus was "Yes."

There was discussion that the PTO should put someone in charge of putting together a "repository" to show how the PTO spent the money and where it went, in terms of who received the items. Lisa Walsh mentions the wish list teachers sent out and what they received.

Principal's Report by Mr. Baskerville

21st Century Spanish program. Mr. Baskerville stated that Mr. Bunke is working on it and we are looking to implement it at the 4th quarter.

The 3rd quarter started and the dance was postponed to the 13th. Dance goes until 4 p.m.

The Pennies for Peace raised \$5,000.00 for Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The PTO benefit fundraising auction is honoring 11 teachers and 6 staff for total of 17. The School is paying for them.

There was a discussion of ticket-selling.

Officer Nick Georgoulous (sp?) is the new School Resource Officer. We are very happy to have him.

RE: Manchester academic standards –
There are 60 teachers helping to develop them.

RE: Maggie Philbrook – The staff raised money for Maggie (almost \$1,000). There will be a celebration or assembly, maybe sometime after the school vacation break.

Mr. O'Connell questions, "how should the PTO respond?"

Mr. Baskerville stated that counselors were brought in Monday morning, some from other districts. There were 50-75 kids who needed it. It helped even teachers and staff.

Mr. O'Connell asks if we should send flowers from the PTO, and whether in the long term we should do a plaque or a stone be placed in memoriam. Mr. O'Connell spoke to Mr. McCafferty who discussed putting a commemoration of kids lost to be placed in the butterfly garden. There was discussion of the parameters of this, "all kids from Hillside, or in the school district?" There was a reference to Luke Capistran, who was in high school. There was a statement that once you are out of high school, then it should happen at Central.

There was a statement that Tanya Robinson suggested that maybe we can plant a tree. It has to be done by the end of the school year.

Mr. O'Connell stated he discussed with Mr. McCafferty about doing a thing for Maggie at the wake and funeral and his response was that there is nothing that is being done officially, citing privacy concerns. There was general disappointment expressed that maybe the band or chorus could have done something and that it was a missed opportunity.

There was consensus that the PTO will send a bouquet of flowers.

Mr. Baskerville was asked when the 8th grade ceremony will be. He replied June 11.

RE: Fundraiser

There is a meeting next week at 6:30 in the library on Monday. There is an email blast going out on Monday and the event and raffle flyer. Jennie Angell from City Hall will put the invitation on the city website.

HAMS update – The next meeting is next Tuesday in the chorus room. The book fair is on 3/25-3/29

The ice-cream social is on the same night and there will be spirit wear that night.

School store –There is a question of whether Tanya Robinson volunteered to do this. Mr. O'Connell will find out. We will need a replacement for Mike for treasurer and for the newsletter as well.

Soccer – A meeting took place with Hector and he has a plan in place.

Box tops –Lisa Walsh put a “shout-out” in the newsletter.

Robotics club – Mr. O'Connell stated that the robotics team needs assistance and they want to do a presentation and are looking for a PTO donation. There were several discussions pertaining to the fact that there may be some issues because this is a private and exclusive club that doesn't affect a lot of students. There was a question if this was part of DEKA. There was a comment that this was an expensive proposition as they need advisors, etc. Mr. O'Connell said that we can be facilitators rather than just give money.

There was a question as to what happened to the dine-out money?

Sherry Nannis stated that there are 8 kids in the robotics club.

Mr. O'Connell stated that Steven Manero called him and he stated that the PTO wasn't interested. Mr. O'Connell responded that the issue simply wasn't brought up.

Meeting adjourned.