

PTO Meeting September 10, 2014

Minutes:

Present: Lisa Walker, Maureen Hamel, Darlene Simmons, Kim Cronin, Bridget Egan-Cardi, Stacy Scarlett Martin, Karyn Demers, Susan West, Karen Radwanski, Cindy Bilodeau, Mary Jo Boyle, Sherry Nannis, Joanne Craighead, Joy LeBlanc, Susan Joyal, Jolie Woodby, Lynn Manseau, Justine Bernard, Stephanie Spencer, Casey Pepin, Kristine Dudley, Roberto Diaz, Laurielee Roy, Moira Byrne, Philbrook, Pam Murphy, Andrea Mayhew, Robin Katalis, Michelle Tyler, Tanya Robinson, Jim O'Connell, Mr. McCafferty

Minutes: June Minutes reviewed. Joanne motions to accept the minutes, Tanya seconds. All in favor.

Maureen would like to report that minutes will be the Hillside website. This will save time for the PTO. Please go online and review prior to PTO meetings. 2nd by Jim O'Connell. There will be a new section on the Hillside website.

Treasurer Report:

As of 8/30/2014

\$9,323.17 in Auction Account

\$5,739.00 spent on Chrome Books

\$8,327.00 carts

\$3,245.00 kiln for art room

\$2,402.00 remains in operating account balance

Main Account is where PTO pays out of

Auction Account is a spate account – All events/sponsors that occur during annual auction.

Resource Officer: Officer Rick is absent

Principal Report: Mr. McCafferty explains that the resource officer, Officer Rick, is at Hillside full time. He is open to any parent who would like to call or come in if they have questions.

Mr. McCafferty thanks Tanya and others for the teacher's lunch and the cake for the front office.

Reports that the website is up and running. Please contact Sherry Nannis if you think anything should be on the website.

September 22, 2014 Book Fair

September 25, 2014 Open House

New Assistant Principal: Jane Clayton

Technology committee met today to discuss moving forward.

Advisory is new this year. It's character education for children. Many things are addressed during advisory such as responsibility, bullying etc..

Mr. McCafferty thanks all the parents for attending.

Parent asked for enrollment number.

Mr. McCafferty reports 840

Right now classrooms are under 30. Some are right at 30.
If classes/student enrollment goes above capacity, the district would shift some children to other Manchester middle schools with transportation being provided.

Builder's Club is open to students who would like to join. It is a partner of the Kiwanis Club from Hooksett. The focus is on community service and run by Mary Hardigan and Nancy Michaud.

October 4th, 2014 is the Luke Capistran 5k run.

Green Machine (student council) is run by Pat O'Neil during advisory.

2014/2015 Calendar:

Major events for the PTO are Book fair (Need volunteers) and Auction
Jim asked the group if anyone would like anything added to the calendar.

Maureen suggests a Cyber Bully Safety night.

Lisa W. made calls to the Department of Justice and the Manchester Police. She is waiting to hear back.

Kristine D. states that St. Catherine's had a very good program last year. Lisa W. will look into it.

The scope could also include an overview of drugs, gangs etc..

Jim asks the group if they'd like to keep the focus on Cyber Safety or to broaden it.

Jim recommends putting it into the November calendar.

A separate meeting would be held.

The auction would occur in March.

School Improvement Plans:

Primary purchases have been for technology.

A kiln was purchased for the art room.

\$600.00 was spent for a tv for the lobby which was to be used for a display. A Chrome book is attached to it. Jim spoke with the person in charge of technology for the district about returning it and purchasing a larger, wireless screen.

Maureen H. states that the PTO needs to know what the technology committee recommends and also wait to see what the district will provide.

Mr. McCafferty states that we now have 2 thirty-unit labs for student/teacher use from the PTO.

Jim states that audio/visual equipment for the gym was discussed. There is a proposal of \$11,000.00. PTO will revisit the sound system option over a 3 yr period.

Lobby area could use improvement.

Transfer library to a media center

United Way volunteers are still available for beautification work. Mr. McCafferty states that we have enough community partners and parents for beautification when ready.

Auction Night Planning:

A committee will be established. Justine, Maureen, Casey will be working on forming a committee. Maureen reports that a lot of people are needed for the event and every lit bit counts.

Book Fair:

Lisa W. would like volunteers. Sue Hannon's class will set up the book fair. Lisa would like at least 4 volunteers for 2-hour shifts. People are also needed for ice cream serving and students will also be serving. Jim will be in touch with Lisa about ice cream donations.

School Store Website:

Sherry Nannis will be adding to the Hillside website. Currently, t-shirts are available online. Sherry has been updating as she gets information from Mr. McCafferty.

HAMS:

Apples and apple cider are currently on sale for HAMS fundraising. They will be available at Open House on 10/25/2014.

Announcements:

Jim reports soccer has not been offered at the middle schools. Last year a program was put into place for Hillside to play another Manchester middle school. This spring, a program will be put together for all four middle schools to play.
2015- A spring program will be in place
2016- Official citywide soccer program will be in place.
All four middle schools submitted NHIAA application for Tri-County for all sports programs-effective 2015.

School Field and Pathway Renovation:

The grass has been cut back.
Jim has asked city to open that pathway for an 8-foot wide official paved pathway.

Hillside field is not a playable field. Jim is meeting with Parks and Recreation to look at the field and to fill in the divots and holes. The hope is to have a fully usable field in the future.

New Business:

Lisa W. states that new families should become familiar with the Aspen Family Portal. Parent must come into school to sign up for it. Lunch can also be pre-paid in the Portal.

21st Century program starts next week. It is an afterschool program and children can get homework help and do other activities.

Mr. McCafferty states the PTO auction was a ton of fun, a sense of community, and brought the group together. There are many roles to help out in.

PTO meeting will be 2nd Wednesday of the month.
October 8th, 2014 next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:59pm.