

Hillview PTO Board Meeting

3/13/2018

Present

Willy Haug, David Babington, Ashley Wagstaff, Chris Sewell, Laura Paul, Suzanne Watson, Christie Tonsfeldt, John Donald, Julia Molise, Nancy Witeck, Matt Ericksen, Johanna Woll, Gina Skinner, Julie Nelson, Caroline Bowers

9:04

Call to Order

9:05

February Minutes are approved by vote.

9:06

Treasurer's Report

Christie Tonsfeldt

Christie presents Treasurer's Report as of 2/28/2018

This past month, corporate matching brought in \$225 in corporate matching (still rather low).

Christie walks through her report.

Basketball stipends are \$16,000.

The "8th Grade Account" will be closed and the money will be directed to the library.

Willy Haug explains the interplay between the PTO budget and the site budget.

9:17

Board Reports

Nancy reports that all is well and there is nothing new to share.

9:18

Johanna Woll

Communications

Johanna reports that the newsletters are going to try a new process that is more aligned with the Wednesday deadline. She reports that our "open rate" is between 49-55% each week.

9:20

Afterschool Sports

Matt Ericksen

Matt reports that everything is going smoothly. Unfortunately we will lose Harry Bell at the end of the year. There will be a search for his replacement.

9:23

Principal's Report

Willy Haug

Willy runs through the recent and upcoming events.

- The MPAEF Auction was a great event!
- The Hillview Dance Show was fantastic! Over 160 Students participated
- The Winter Chorus event and Beauty and the Beast are both scheduled soon.

3/14/2018 “Walkout”

Willy provides a detailed description of the plan for the 3/14 Walk Out. He references the notification district families received from Erik Burmeister.

Willy reports that Hillview staff/administration has been very hands off in working with ASB regarding what shape this walk out will take.

Initially ASB leadership proposed that they walk from Hillview to Fremont Park. However, the Menlo Park Police, who are focusing their efforts and resources on the planned High School walk outs, could not guarantee a safe corridor for the kids.

The plan, presented by ASB is as follows:

The theme and focus is ending gun violence and “Never Again.” At 10:00 a.m., the students who wish to participate will gather in the field. They will march down the driveway, around the sidewalk, come back down Santa Cruz (on sidewalk) and re-enter the school through Tinker Park.

One quarter of the staff has offered to stay behind to support the students who choose not to march.

The students have been told that if they choose to participate in a march other than the ASB planned walk-out, and they leave the school without a parent, they will receive the consequence of a Saturday School.

Survey Results

The Site Council will meet on 3/13 to discuss the panorama survey results.

The teachers have received their own results. The Site Council will work to identify trends and themes. There is also a “word cloud” analysis wherein the appearance of certain phrases can be searched. (i.e. “Dress Code.”)

Upcoming ASB Elections

This is the time of year in which the school begins to plan for the ASB for next year. The ASB is looking for all kinds of students to participate – it is a high competitive process. The students must apply, go through an interview process and participate in the election for a spot on the Executive board. There are about 35 available spots on the ASB Cabinet and Executive Board. This year, students may not participate in ASB and be a WEB Leader.

Zone of Innovation

The District is moving forward with the Zone of Innovation. There will be a 4th-7th zone and there will be one 6th and one 7th grade academy in the zone of innovation.

The platform for the Zone of Innovation is Alt School.

Theme of the Zone of Innovation include, Personalized learning, Evidence Based Work, Meaningful work, Student Wellness and Agency and Collaboration for Learning.

There will be some incentives built in for teachers to participate including an additional prep period.

9:52

MPAEF Report

Caroline Bowers

Caroline reports that the Auction was a great success. The MPAEF would love our feedback on the success of the event. The Online Auction launches tomorrow – this is where you can purchase teacher events. There is also some space left in some of the parties.

Please save the date of May 20, 2018 for the Schoolhouse Rocks Run and Festival, which will take place at 9:00 a.m. at Hillview.

10:00

It has been proposed that next years Joint Campaign will be renamed the “Community Campaign.” Rather than an MPAEF and PTO Campaign, district families will be asked for one check. A discussion is held about the various issues related to this –including the resulting autonomy of the PTOs and the tax treatment of each entity.

At our December PTO Board meeting, Russ Peterson presented the proposed PAC Lighting Project and asked the board to commit certain funds to support the project. In January, as a board, we voted remotely to approve the expenditure of approximately \$25,000 for the PAC Lighting project. The project has been completed and was a great success.

10:32

Adjourn.