

Hillview PTO Board Meeting

2/6/2018

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

9:04

Call to Order

9:05

Julia moves to Approve Minutes from 12/2017 Meeting
Minutes Approved by vote

9:05

MPAEF Report via Chris Sewell

MPAEF reports that they have achieved 97% of Annual Parent Campaign goal. Donations from corporate matching are still coming in.

Dates of Note:

3/10/2018 - Auction.

Volunteers and underwriters for certain components of party are still needed.

5/20 - School House Rocks Run and Festival

Volunteers needed

6/2 - Wine Walk

9:07

Parliamentarian's Report – Julie Nelson

Julie announces her nominating committee:

Ellen Long

Cristy Barnes

Sharon Purcell

Stacy Goldman

Bernice van der Meer and one alternate

We need to fill the roles of the liaison between the MPAEF and Joint Campaign.

We need a new treasurer and new Vice President.

9:12

Julie moves that we approve the nominating committee. Laura Seconds. Nominating Committee is approved by vote.

9:13 – Board Updates

Nancy Witeck - Volunteers

Nancy is going to head up the 8th Grade BBQ

We have 8th Grade party has chairs and is in good shape

Russ Peterson is looking for tennis rackets.

9:16

Communications – Johanna Woll

Johanna reports that someone responded to the Hillview Newsletter distribution list, having received a draft of the newsletter. Johanna wonders how she received this draft.

Last week Erik Burmeister convened a group with Parke Treadway and decided to meet quarterly with communications teams from all schools and determine how they can support one another.

9:18

After school Activities

Jamey Hawkins (absent) reports (via Matt) that all is going well

9:19

After school Sports

Matt Ericksen

Matt reports that Basketball and Cheerleading are underway and going well. Three students transferred to Hillview and were allowed to register after the deadline.

Tennis just started and 75 of the 95 slots have been filled.

9:20

Principal's Report

Willy Haug

Willy reports that there will be a meeting held for the 8th grade as a result of the events that have taken place over the past couple of weeks. Boys and Girls will have separate meetings.

Essentially the theme is that what is going on is not good for our school culture – and while the behavior (including use of social media/snapchat and gender relations) is not abnormal, it must be addressed.

Of particular concern is that fact that a student's cell phone was found with inappropriate photos of a Hillview student.

The school takes this behavior very seriously and hopes that these meetings will lead to healthy discussions about priorities and behavior.

Other concerning behavior includes students "vaping" on campus – including using certain vaping compounds that are not specifically contrary to the Ed Code and therefore difficult to regulate. This will all be addressed in the meetings with the 8th graders.

Discussion held among board members regarding use of social media and issues related thereto.

Chris asks why we don't have the same meeting with the 7th graders. Willy explains that there may be a different version of the talk given to them – but that it needs to be a slightly different conversation.

MA info Night will take place at Hillview on 2/7/2018

The current 8th graders who were involved in Spanish Immersion took the AP Language and Culture Exam. More than half of them scored a 4 or 5.

Willy reports that there was a 35% response rate to the Panorama survey which is higher than last year. The site counsel will analyze the results. The survey is not evaluative in nature, but is really good feedback.

The week of 4/2 used to be minicourse week, but this year will be a week of project- based learning. There will be 135 8th graders attending the DC trip.

Willy discussed the fact there is a proposal for a "Zone of Innovation" – based on our school's relationship with Alt School. There may be a 6th grade academy in the "zone" as well as a combined 7/8 academy in the zone. The participating teachers will determine the names of the academies.

A discussion was held about concerns Hillview students feel unprepared for AS (Advanced Studies) English at MA. Willy responds that AS English is a very advanced English program and students should only enroll if recommended.

10:21

David Babbington

The teachers want to thank the PTO for the Science Fair.

The teachers want to thank the PTO for the Lighting project in the PAC.

The 7th Grade Science team thanks the PTO for helping with Lab Materials.

10:24

Christy Tonsfeldt

Treasurer's Report

As of January 31, we were \$10,000 ahead of membership goals.

Christy reports that corporate matching is a bit low this year (\$5,000 less than last year) but that perhaps we are still waiting on more to come in.

Still waiting to trickle in?

Christy walks through the balance sheet.

Christie reports that there remains \$119,000 in "Willy's Budget" to spend.

We are \$217,000 under budget for expenses this year but there will be a lot of expenses at the end of the year.

We need more volunteers for the College Bound breakfasts.

Christie, Chris and Ashley report a concerning email scam (coming from Chris' email) requested that Christie pay a large bill. They have sorted it out and notified proper authorities. There are many checks and balances in place for the payment of bills under the by-laws.

10:35 Meeting Adjourned