

December 11, 2018
PTO Board Meeting

In attendance:

Laura Paul, Suzanne Watson, Carolyn Kryger, Lil Perazich, John Donald, Claudia Tedesco, May Matsui, Julia Molise, Johanna Woll, Jenn Roberts, Emily Robinson, Jamey Hawkins, Matt Ericksen, Gina Skinner, Anna Kogen, Willy Haug, Caroline Bowers

9:04

Call To Order

President's update

Laura and Suzanne

Laura and Suzanne report that we have raised \$197,270, which is \$193,645 net of paypal fees. Our budget was \$205,000 with 74% of families participating which is the highest participation we've had in years.

We will be cutting a \$65 check for families in need for the holidays.

Laura and Suzanne report that we are going to get input from the students, teachers and a cross-section of parents regarding how they perceive that the PTO is serving the school. Suzanne further reports that she hopes to put together a plan to update Hillview's branding. The goal is to create brand consistency throughout all elements of the school. Further discussion is held on this issue.

9:16

Julia Molise

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the November 20, 2018 meeting are approved by vote.

9:17

Treasurer's Report

John Donald

John shared his report. We are running behind on certain funds to be collected as reflected in the "comment column" of his report.

Claudia reports that they used the letter previously used by Laurel as a template for distributing the \$300 to the teachers for classroom supplies (approved by vote last month.)

9:23

After School Sports

Matt Ericksen

Huck will be resigning as the Athletic Director. He will stay on and look after emails and assist with day-to-day. We will need to fill the position and have invited interested candidates to come forward.

9:28

Board Updates

Emily Robinson

Volunteer Coordinator

Lunch - lunch master has changed the volunteer credits; they expire at the end of the month. People are very upset about this.

Communications

Johanna Woll

When placing photos in the newsletter, we need to make sure that we have permission to feature the pictured students.

After School Activities

Jamey Hawkins

Jamey reports that there remain two outstanding classes that she would like to offer in the winter -- Rock Band and/or Acoustic Guitar. Both are run by John Jordan.

Jamey moves to have the board facilitate both classes.

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Motion to facilitate both classes is approved by vote.

Jamey further discusses a potential after school skate board program. It can be either "Create the Skateboard" or "Create the Skateboard and Learn to Skate."

Many questions arise including potential liability and insurance coverage. Further, will kids be allowed to skate on campus? We will need to get clarity on these issues before this program can be approved.

9:54

Principal's Report

Willy Haug

Willy reports that work continues on creating the "Profile of a Hillview Graduate."

Two parent-engagement workshops will take place on January 30. Parents are invited to come and participate.

The staff has done a second round of affinity grouping around this topic. The Site Council will be the sponsor of these workshops.

Willy reports that the Expect Respect workshop and the Asset Development workshops were successful.

Willy refers us to Superintendent Burmeister's most recent blog which discusses technology use. The students will be given a "Device Contract" which they will need to review with a parent, sign and return. Finally, we will limit the iPad functionality over the holiday break. Willy plans to schedule a coffee to talk with parents about technology use.

Willy reports that the toy drive will continue through Friday. Everyone is encouraged to come and sponsor toys.

The service club is putting together toiletry kits for the homeless.

Washington DC

Sharon Purcell and Karli Cleary are hoping to arrange a Washington DC trip for 8th graders.

They hope that it will take place over spring break and it will be capped at 60 students. This will be a combination of parents and teachers as chaperones.

"Fully Funded"

Willy reports that work is going on at the district level to attempt to give insight to the price of each of the different elements of running a school.

Finally, Willy reports that there is no truth to the rumors that students are not allowed to wear their tournament basketball hoodies.

10:15

MPAEF

Caroline Bowers

Caroline reminds folks to attend shopping night at Sports Basement. The MPAEF will receive 20% of purchases.

Caroline reports that the Parent Campaign exceeded expectations -- and came in at 101.8%, raising \$3.5 Million.

The Auction will take place at the Hotel Nia on March 16.

You can purchase a table of 10 for \$2000.

30 people applied for Jeannie Ritchie grants and 19 were approved.

The School House Rocks Run and Festival will take place on Sunday, May 19.

10:23

Teacher's Report

Anna Kogen

The 7th and 8th Grade Orchestra will perform at City Hall this month.

Mr. Darminin reports that some of his students were recognized for the PSA the produced through the student television division.

ASB reports that nearly 300 students attended the dance last week.

In science, Ms Hilborn thanks parents for sharing their science experience with her classes.

In PE, Mr. Peterson will be bringing in martial arts experts.

10:29

Lil Perazich

PTO Providing Events

On Thursday, 12/20 there will be a staff recipe exchange and lunch -- looking for volunteers.

On the last day of school before break, 8th Graders will participate in One Love -- a class about healthy relationships. 8th grade teachers will be given time to work on recommendations for private school applications.

10:35

Adjourn