

Hill-Roberts Elementary School
PTO Minutes
Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Location: Hill-Roberts, School Library

Attendance: Beth Dimond, Jenn DiPietro, Suzanne Brough, Katie Scott, Caitie Medeiros, Frank Rich, Evan Chelman, Amy Young, Andrea Phillips, Angela Amiro-Shirley, Lynn DellaGrotta

MINUTES

1. Meeting called to order at 6:35pm. Pledge of Allegiance.

2. **Principal's Report**

- a. Mr. Rich apologized for holding the school-wide fire safety session last week on Yom Kippur when students were out for the Jewish holiday. In future, he will be more careful to check the calendar.
- b. MCAS – 4th grade MCAS results to be mailed out soon. Hill-Roberts students remain in 'Not Requiring Assistance' range. Scores this year, strong math, ELA not as high, were the opposite of last year, strong ELA, math not as high. Even in areas where we missed the mark, it was only by 1-2 points. Upper administration is pleased with our progress. We're moving the right direction on scores and showing sustainable growth.
- c. Mr. Chelman reported on ways to be proactive with social and emotional learning. He's recently sent out a Relationship Mapping request to the staff in order to collect information on positive relationships between students and staff. Staff have been asked to check a box next to student names that they have a positive relationship with, not just knowing their names, but students who look up to them. A student will work harder to complete work if asked by someone they have a positive relationship with. The goal will be to use common planning times in a more meaningful way.
- d. **Special guest at the next PTO meeting** (Nov 12th at 6:30pm). The Assistant Superintendent will discuss redistributing the grade levels among the five elementary schools – turning two schools into pre-K-1 and the other three schools into grades 2-4. Maybe eventually adding grade 5. Goal would be to implement this plan, if it has support, in 2022. Join the discussion.

3. **Approval of June and September Meeting Minutes**

Motion to approve June and Sept meeting meetings. Motion approved.

4. **Change of PTO meeting dates**

Discussion to change dates of Feb and March PTO meetings due to conflicts with STEM nights, etc. Agreed to combine Feb and March meeting into one meeting on Feb 25th. PTO meeting dates are: Nov 12th, Jan 14th, Feb 25th, April 14th. PTO does not meet in December.

5. Review of PTO Policies and Procedures

Copies of the Hill-Roberts Elementary School PTO Bylaws handed out for review.

6. Officer Reports

a. Treasurer's Report

Current operating funds available: \$5,093.84.

7. Committee Reports

a. Race for Education – 10/18/19

- i. Race for Ed fundraiser has brought in \$5,482.14 so far. This is really low and the race is this Friday. In order to cover all class fieldtrips, we need \$6,000. Currently at 37% of Race for Ed goal. The deadline for students to win prizes is November 1st. Hoping more donations will come in.

b. Fall Festival - 10/19/19

- i. Charge is \$2 per person up to \$6 per family of 4 or more. Charge \$1 per slice of pizza, water, or snacks.
- ii. Bliss donated a \$30 gift card for the winner of best-decorated trunk at Trunk or Treat.
- iii. Motion to approve an additional \$293 for the fall festival. Motion passes. These funds will be earned back through the admission fee and food table.
- iv. There are just enough volunteers to cover set-up, food tables, games, cookie decorating, book fair, etc. According to PTO by-laws, must have 2 people at any table with money. Two volunteers must be at the admission table and the food table.

c. October Book Fair

Need volunteers especially during classroom visits and the fall festival. See the sign-up genius. Again, per by-laws, there must be two people at the register. Please sign up!

d. Stop and Shop Rewards, Box Tops & Amazon Smile

- i. Flyer coming home soon.
- ii. **Amazon Smile Shop** from <https://smile.amazon.com> and select Hill-Roberts Elementary School PTO as your charity of choice. Select it every time you shop.
- iii. **Stop and Shop A+ rewards** Support your local school with every purchase: <https://stopandshop.com/school-rewards> Sign in to your account to link your Stop and Shop card to Hill-Roberts Elementary.
- iv. **Box Tops** – two options. (1) Send in your box tops anytime! Throw them in a plastic bag or paper envelope and send them in to school. Expiration dates must be valid. Nothing expired. Major deadlines are October 25th and February 21st. (2) Or scan your receipts. Download the Box Tops app: <https://apps.apple.com/app/apple-store/id1150038564>, select your school, and scan your receipts to the app. No more clipping!

8. Announcements

Next PTO Meeting Date: November 12th at 6:30pm.

9. Motion to adjourn at 8:00pm.

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