

Hamilton Elementary PTA Monthly Meeting
Wednesday, October 17th, 2018
Media Center, 7:00pm

Attendees: Co-Treasurer Garrette Belanger, Teacher Liaison Cheryl Buxton, Co-Treasurer Jaime Dobronos, Carol Dospil, Nic Farquhar, Kelly Fox, Lori Freeman, Principal Sarah Glasser, VP Julie Gould, Chris Hammond, Elizabeth Hammond, Kathy Harvey, Communications Patty Joliat, Julia Lee, President Angie Lentner, Erika McDaniel, Kristen Richard, Anne Rowland, Chris Rowland, Robin Yafuso Pappas, Michelle Young, Kristen Wulff

Call to order: 7:05pm

Superintendent Update from Dr. Machesky: World Class 2020 Four Pillars of Learning. Prioritize Learning (professional and student development), Empower Students to Connect Learning to their World, Attend to Well-Being (support and meaningful connections), Invest in Early Childhood. ECE center infrastructure due to be completed in Fall of 2019, early bird registration is January 2019. **Student Achievement:** standardized tests are a snapshot in time TSD is proud to be tops in county in several areas. Achievement gaps of English language learners and economically disadvantaged students closing. Video: Wass Elementary models reading curriculum targeting all levels of child. **New Website:** more video content generated by students and staff coming in January. New computer system rollout had some hiccups but confident that the resources will be the most user-friendly for families and staff going forward. **Sinking Fund** spending from last summer was around \$10 million, with projects in every building. Hamilton Parking Lot slated for update next summer. **Education millage** on the ballot Nov. 6th for all voters to approve non-homestead properties keeping current tax rate. Voting yes means TSD can maintain funding and budget at current level

Reminders and How-tos: Peachjar school flyer software will update bugs soon to ensure all receive. In the meantime there is an icon on the Hamilton website. **Volunteers needed:** bagels, clinic, media center classes, book fair October 19th setup and October 22-25th. **Bylaws revision** distributed, we will vote at next meeting to approve for IRS purposes. Can **support the school** through purchase from Mabel's Labels, Kroger Rewards, Box Tops, Amazon Smile. **Online Directory of TSD Families:** District plans on adding in the near future once hiccups of PowerSchools software rollout are taken care of. **Staff Appreciation:** throughout the year instead of only one week in May.

Upcoming events:

10/22-26 Fall Book Fair
10/24-25 Parent-Teacher Conferences
10/26 Trunk or Treat, 7-8pm
10/31 Halloween Parade and Parties, 2:30-3:45pm
11/5-9 Box Top Fundraising Challenge Week
12/4 and 1/9 Pastries with Parents, 8:30-9:00am
1/24 Family Fun Night, 5:30-7:30
1/31 Skate Party at Skate World of Troy, 6:15-8:15pm. Free admission, \$3 skate rental

Budget summary: Jogathon success at budget but participation is still at 52% Proposed costs: clubs and after school enrichment Trunk or Treat, Skate Party, new line items, interested in ideas for major project (stage remodel, painting cabinets)
Angie moved and Julie seconded to approve budget.

Teacher update From Mrs. Buxton: Jogathon successfully run outside, great school spirit with all students cheering each other on. Fifth grade just returned from successful annual Camp Michindoh trip for team-building fifth grade.

VP Shoutouts/Recognition:

- Jogathon committee, Brooke Bowers chair and organizer of volunteers. Everyone who contributed resources and time as volunteer. Teachers who are encouraging full participation.
- Kristen Wulff Hawk costume at Jogathan and volunteered to coordinate spirit wear sales at school this year.
- Trunk or Treat committee Jen Dangremond park at King auxiliary parking or in neighbourhoods
- Room parent volunteers who organize class parties.

Adjourned: 7:59pm

Further Discussion: Parking lot plans expect to be finalized soon for construction in summer 2019, positive feedback on conscientious 4th graders doing safety patrol this week while 5th graders away.

Respectfully submitted,
Katy Allen, Secretary