

Hamilton Elementary School
PTA Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2018, 7:00pm

Attendance: Principal Sarah Glasser, Teacher Cheryl Buxton, Teacher Adrianna Zarewych, President Angie Lentner, Vice-President Julie Gould, Co-Treasurer Garrette Belanger, Co-Treasurer Jaime Dobronos, Communications Patty Joliat, Brooke Bowers, Jen Dangremond, Xiao Jing Deng, Colleen Dimitrievsky, Haitao Du, Britta Genslak, Kristine Kistka, Julia Lee, Erika McDaniel, Courtney Spangler, Maverick Cho, four other parents

Call to order: at 7:02pm

Welcome and introductions: Attendees and PTA Executives introduced themselves, reminder that through PTA link on Hamilton webpage we can be contacted. Community can access information about schools, links for volunteering with bagel distribution, lunchtime relief of injury clinic, media center. Support provided by the PTA: lockers/cubbies, media center furniture, birthday books, teacher grants, community building events (Pastries with Parents, Mom/Son and Daddy/Daughter)

Possible new projects: stage upgrade (curtains, paint, sound), contributing to field trips, Trunk or Treat (safe and fun community event 10/26), paint refresh in classrooms, School Directory: How do Hamilton families feel about the necessity of publishing family contact information?

Fundraising support: Easy ways to help Hamilton (companies donate a portion of sales or we collect items and then exchange for rewards), Mabel's Labels, Kroger Rewards, Box Tops, Amazon Smile

Budget: Currently using last year's budget as a guide, there was a surplus above traditional carryover of \$6K-7K. We expect to have money available for a significant project like stage upgrade, parents invited to bring ideas to executives anytime.

Jogathon: Our biggest fundraiser of the year. Pep rally 9/28, event 10/12 @ 2PM. Target goal set at \$50/student; at the same time, looking for full participation no matter what amount. Brooke Bowers, and her team have gathered a lot of community sponsors. funrun.com will be used for donation collection: social media sharing, teachers will have access to participation numbers. Highest and second highest participating classes in each grade will have a party.

Teacher Update: Cheryl Buxton asked for more media volunteers and gave information about English Language Learner support, which helps students new to the country share and learn with their classmates.

Principal update: “Field Trip” walk around the school to see combined 5th grade class, which featured flexible seating, ability grouping of students, more eyes on the students, and practice for middle school with multiple teachers; bought a vinyl lettering machine and would appreciate donations of vinyl to decorate the building; staff hoping for funding to paint whole school blue, green and earth colors.

VP shout-outs: Appreciation for our volunteers

Brooke Bowers—Jogathon

Colleen Dimitrievsky—popsicles with the principal, kindergarten welcome packets

Linda Niemerg and Jen Dangremond—past president and treasurer, smooth transition to new PTA was facilitated by their

organization

Kate Ordway—school supplies sales

Andrea Brown—rewards/Box Tops

Kristen Wulff—spirit wear

Nicole Reinkensmeyer—restaurant nights

Wendi Yee—picture day feedback was “best in years”

Adjourned: 8:17pm

Respectfully submitted by Katy Allen, Secretary.