

Hamilton Elementary PTA Meeting
Thursday, October 17th, 2019
Media Center, 7:00pm

Attendees: Treasurer Garrette Belanger, Bindu Bhakta, Teacher Liaison Cheryl Buxton, Chia Jou Chin, Lori Decker, Treasurer Jaime Dobronos, John Dygert, Britta Genslak, Principal Sarah Glasser, Katie Gorman, Vice-President Julie Gould, Lindsay Habermas, Christopher Hammond, Elizabeth Hammond, Rachel Hazy, Communications Patty Joliat, Kaushala Kandasany, Ben Keinman, President Angie Lentner, Robin Yafuso Pappas, Jaqueline Tobiczky, Secretary Katy Allen

Call to order: following 4th grade parent meeting about Mackinac Trip at 6:30pm

Guest Presentation, K. Birmingham, TSD communications director for Dr. R. Machesky.

World Class 2020 goals: college and Career Readiness, Media 2.0, Advanced Manufacturing, Strategic Facilities update. closing the achievement gap down 10%, getting notice world-wide and from legislators, 56 National Merit Semi-Finalists. Enrollment History is climbing and helps raise funding (as it is per student).

Successes: stability by enrollment, community support through bonds, millage and sinking funds, strategic decision making focusing on social emotional learning, professional development, investing in early learning, career advancement for employees

State funding is not keeping up with inflation. 33% less than 2004. District is committed to fiscally responsible stewardship with sustainable preschool programme. Adult ESL, Community Enrichment, TCC functions will soon be facilitated by purchase of ITT Tech building in high traffic area

Volunteers needed:

bagels distribution on Friday mornings
clinic to relieve secretaries during lunch
media center to check in and reshelve books (long shifts so you can share that block of time with another parent, if you'd like)
book fair selling books to support media center activities

Upcoming events:

- ❖ Fall Book Fair (Preview days - October 17, 18, 21 and 22; Buy days - October 23, 24 and 25)
- ❖ Restaurant Night at California Pizza Kitchen (October 22nd)
- ❖ 1/2 Days (October 23rd and 24th 12:59pm)
- ❖ Parent Teacher Conferences (October 23rd and 24th)
- ❖ Trunk or Treat (October 25th 7:00-8:00pm)
- ❖ Skate Party at Skate World of Troy (November 6th 6:15 to 8:15pm)
- ❖ PTA Meeting (November 13th 7:00pm)

Ways to support Hamilton:

Mabel's Labels – if you are looking for labels, the PTA gets a %
Kroger Rewards - designate the PTA as a recipient
Box Tops – new; no more clipping labels, just scan receipts
Amazon Smile - instead of the app, use a shortcut on your phone to [amazonsmile.com](https://www.amazon.com/smile) and designate the PTA as your charity of choice

Winter Holiday Craft show: something new this year, let us know if you are interested in developing with the team leader.

Website update: will finally be live week of 10/21.

Painting Cabinets: Volunteers painted Mrs. Kinzer's classroom in September. Mrs. Buxton and Mrs. Dospil have won the next raffle, painting party on 11/22. Parent volunteers needed.

Treasurers' Report, G. Belanger: added new event alumni breakfast, teacher grants raised. Motion by Ben Keinman to approve the budget, seconded by Britta Genslak. Passed without dissent.

Staff Update, S. Glasser and C. Buxton: teachers appreciate the grant increase, excited about the classroom painting. Hamilton Special needs liaison: Jaque Fellows can connect parents with the District.

VP Shoutouts, J. Gould:

- Jogathon Committee Brooke Bowers, Kelli Courtois, Natalie Jagels, Jillian Pettinato, Rachel Hazy, Elizabeth Hammond, Lindsey Larivee
- Jogathon volunteers who organized and kept kids safe
- Bagel Fridays: thanks to regular faithful Friday volunteers
- Classroom Painting: Angie Lentner, Kristen Wulff, Katy Allen

Adjournment: 8:00pm

Respectfully Submitted, K. Allen