

Hillside PTSA Parent Meeting MINUTES Monday, January 27, 2020 -
6:30pm - Hillside Library

1. Juliann Snyder presentation (10min.) - <https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/11VyvHrPfXs8QuPoFmFQ3rO-sOGKXnOSKzYOgfTKkANA/edit?usp=sharing>

2. PTSA Announcements (15 min.)

a. Family Dance Night - Feb. 7, 6-7:30 - Logowear will be for sale by the PTSA, and water will be provided with compostable cups.

Families are also encouraged to bring their own water bottles.

b. The Used Book Fair is coming up - collection is ongoing for the month of February at Hillside. Drop off begins this week - in Hillside lobby

i. Help us with The Big Sort, Saturday 2/29! If you love books, it's fun for parents and kids.

ii. More volunteers will be needed for the book fair on 3/3 - 3/6, and for cleanup on 3/7

iii. If you have ideas for getting rid of leftover books, or work with charities / organizations that can use them, please let us know.

c. Pizza Friday Session 2: sign up online by Friday, 2/21

d. Hillside Yearbook order forms went out, due Wednesday, 2/12

e. Fundraising (ongoing)

i. Oliver's Labels: Hillside will receive 20% off the purchase price of any

clothing labels purchased through www.oliverslabels.com/hohptsa

ii. DeCicco's grocery: Hillside earns about \$5-7,000 each year from DeCicco's shoppers. Register your frequent shopper card as 'Hastings PTSA'

iii. Box Tops have gone Digital, and we need more parents to sign up and start scanning their receipts! Download the app on the app store. Paper Box Tops will still be collected as long as they are not expired.

3. Committee Updates (10 min.)

a. The Green Team has their first big kick-off meeting with the assistant superintendent on 1/30. More details to come at the next Hillside PTSA mtg.

b. The First Day film screening and panel discussions at HHS were well received and important conversations have been sparked. The PTSA looks forward to following up with this and related events in the future.

c. School Supply Presentation and Q&A, Emma Sollars -

1 20/21 school year consumable supplies (crayons, notebooks, paper towels, etc) will be ordered through the PTSA and Hastings Stationery.

2 Orders will be placed through Cheddar Up from February 1 - May 15. Supplies delivered to classrooms last week in August.

3 Parents purchase reusable items (backpacks, headphones, etc)

4 We need help promoting to incoming Kindergarteners - will also be at K registration.

5 WILL CONFIRM THAT SUPPLY LIST NOT INCLUDED IN SUMMER MAILING LIST

6 Anonymous scholarships will be available via Amy recommendation (same as Pizza Friday)

7 Look into adding a link on Cheddar Up for someone to sponsor a box per classroom. Explore opportunity to expand brands/ types of supplies (colors/diverse mix of items)

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4. School Updates (Ms. Cazes, 15 min.)

a. Writing - First year in initiative, Writing Night in Spring after board presentation; parent representatives on committee to plan it - working with reps from PTSA and SEPTA to sit on committee in developing writing night. Please tell the VPs if you are interested in participating.

b. Diverse Book Committee - Coming back together, some money being allocated to Hillside for special presentations to come into the school - putting together a team (3 parent members) to sit on committee

c. Instruction & Professional learning - Readers Workshop, ELA, teachers working with consultants, Teachers are constantly doing professional development; this week beginning work on science and on Feb 12 to break down next generation of science standards.

d. Master Scheduler - Scheduling 30 minutes of each day for pull-out time for kids who need extra help and not impede on instructional time.

e. Building Leadership Team (BLT) update - Kids joined the meetings this week for the first time with adult members - 27 3rd graders applied, how to bring construction project into classroom instruction - findings released soon .

f. Outdoor Classroom - PTSA money from the summer, had a committee on instructional process; design committee took recos and created designs - mockups on design, multiple phases, renderings presented at BoE meeting this week. In process of Phase 1 - excavating land. Presentation will be in board docs. Spring 2020 (late April) is goal.

g. Community forum about the Bond Wednesday at 6PM

5. Q&A - Ms. Cazes & Mr. DeKams (5 min.)

6. Q&A - PTSA & community (5 min.)

Minutes from this meeting will be posted on the Hillside web page