

PTSA Parent Meeting
Meeting Minutes
Monday, February 8th, 2021

Welcome from Hillside VPs Tanya Rynders and Stacey Merchant

- **Nominating Committee members**
 - The PTSA needs a member from each school to join the committee
 - Reach out to Tanya Rynders or Stacey Merchant if you are interested
 - trynders@ptsahastings.org smerchant@ptsahastings.org
- Donation to Allan Family
 - There is a collection for gift cards to local markets and restaurants
 - Donations can be dropped off with Tanya Rynders or Stacey Merchant
- **Amy Cazes and John DeKams address the meeting with updates and news**
 - Gender work
 - Sparks for 4th grade
 - You can find more information [here](#)
 - Attendance
 - Families must communicate with classroom teacher and administration if they plan to alter their child's attendance between hybrid and remote. This allows the district to properly report student attendance, as well as allowing teachers to prepare.
 - Professional Learning - Balanced Literacy
 - We are in year 4 with a focus on writing.
 - The program has promoted consistency between grades, using the same language, curriculum growth with each grade.
 - Parent questions regarding Valentines for the troops
 - Hillside's safety patrol students crafted this initiative along with a coat drive
 - Continuing to move forward with the program supports student voices and initiatives