

2015-2016 Happy Hollow PTO Board Meeting

Friday, November 6th, 2015

8:45 AM HH Cafeteria

Attendees:

- Jen Pearlman
- Julie Suratt
- Sam Richter
- Cathy Davies
- Melissa Hartford
- Stephanie Leong
- Kathy Steinberg, School Committee

Recap of Recent Events

OCTOBER

Developing a Love of Math – October 15th at Claypit; Aiden McCann. CathyD: the title matters. It has to really engage people.

Book Fair – October 22nd and 23: The team of Sara and Irene and Christine really works well. VolunteerSpot was helpful.

Movie Night – October 23rd: insanely well attended. The apples went first. Next time: more apples. We had popcorn left. Got it from Jordan's. Two free bags and we bought 3 more. 4 bags would have been plenty. JenP: Should we do two seatings? Or two nights? Having a dad as hall monitor was really helpful. It was profitable. Sam: We grossed way over \$700. Budget of \$400 to \$500 is okay.

Upcoming Events

NOVEMBER

Joint elementary event held at Happy Hollow November 12th (pizza, drinks and daycare provided)

Wayland Cares will present to 4th and 5th grade parents and students about internet safety. Starts at 6:30

101 RSVPs. Need to order a lot of pizzas.

Toy Drive – Jenny Harding is handling it solo. We needed houses to store all the stuff, and she found three parents to help.

DECEMBER

Staff Appreciation lunch - December 11th (Fri) Jill Zukerman: soup and sandwich theme. So crowded in teacher room. Wish we could spread out more.

GYC – status update. Going really well. We’ve surpassed our goal (\$42,000) and we’re at \$44,000. That’s across all three elementary schools. As of Nov. 1: HH: \$13K; Loker: \$10K; CH: \$21K. Ends Nov. 20. We’re running low on directories. We can photocopy additional copies if need be. Talks about putting it online: Claypit tried it this year. Backpack auction meeting: Nov. 17. Alyssa Regan will come see what it’s all about.

Volunteer Needs

School Council – Need parent member for 2-year term. Daisy Powers term is ending. Eblasted it. The issue is that meetings are 7:30-8:30 in the morning. Stephanie: We should advertise it in all-school news so we can get a community volunteer also.

Other Topics/Requests

Wish list – Rolling or end of year decisions? Stephanie: We’ve always done it on rolling basis.

Plan family/social event for Jan/Feb: JenP: given that movie night was so successful, should we do something like that again in the winter? Stephanie: Open gym?

FB Page – about 75 members. It’s a closed list. JenP tries to verify whether people who join are from HH. JenP: has been very active. Is the PTO covered by the school’s Opt-out list? Kathy Steinberg: there are legitimate reasons people have to opt out.

Ball locker: We purchased the ball locker. They brought it outside. There’s a sign-out sheet and lock.

Talent Show set for April 1: Pam Bonaguide and Vicky Sin are going to do it again. K-5

Eagle Scout – Garden fence, Thia will make a sign; Eagle Scout will take on the gardens and build a 7-foot fence around the garden.

Playground update: the PTO has donated a ballpark of approx. \$30K of the equipment on HH playground over the last 10 years. But it’s still not adequate. We need a structure for the kindergarteners. And the older kids don’t have enough to do (not enough structures)...they have to play on the fields. Stephanie: As a district we should have comparable equipment across the three schools. We had a dome but it didn’t pass inspection. Taken away this summer. There was a slide that was cracked and kids were getting hurt. PTO is not funding this anymore. We want the town to pay for it. They’re working together? Recreation Dept (Jessica Brodie) and the Facilities Director and DPW. **Kathy:** go to Fall Town Meeting and ask for a playground now. Rec Dept: has funds. Don’t wait until fall 2016. They don’t need town approval to use that money. Can’t have an elementary school without a playground. We make-do to a fault.

Harvest Day: Ms. Niles grabbed some stuff from her garden and from this garden; Aneela Qureshi and Jen Pearlman helped with this. They loved the kale. Buffet of veggies. Serve it on trays to tables because it was all disappearing. Aneela had to go buy more. We were so frazzled by the end but it was so successful. Aneela said she’s willing to spearhead it.

Cultural Enrichment rep: Need one from HH.

Decide date of next meeting – December 4th Friday