

2015-2016 Happy Hollow PTO Board Meeting

Friday, January 15th, 2016

8:45 AM HH Cafeteria

Attendees: Melissa Hartford, Cathy Davies, Sam Richter, Jen Pearlman, Julie Suratt, Stephanie Leong, Cathy Caulfield (with cute short hair)

Volunteers

School Council – Sylvia Greene, Community Member, has been nominated, will hold election. Still need to vote on it.

Next year: What PTO board and committee positions will be needed? Let Jen know if you want to return next year. Any ideas for new president? Stephanie: put all the positions out there as possibilities. Try Eblast.

GYC/Backpack Auction Update:

\$48,000 (last year was \$40,000). Donations came in early this time. JenP: do you think the directory had anything to do with it? CathyD: I don't know. CathyD: We need to know right away when people have paid. Otherwise, we go to the second bidder. Everyday, I need to know if Christine Roberts gets a receipt. Stephanie: It should be on a generic email (waylandptotreasurer@gmail.com for example) so we can all access it. Backpack Auction off to a great start.

JenP: Could we go to high school and ask if they could build an auction site for us? We need some blind categories and some not. Tie in PayPal, so they could pay right there. Stephanie: worried about maintenance of it into the future.

Playground Update

Issues discussed with Town Administrator, Nan Balmer:

- MOU – Memorandum of Understanding between DPW and school departments: \$100,000 for our playground in the recreation dept budget; but we need it designed first. Does it include design? Nan says she doesn't think we should put money towards design before it's been approved at Town Meeting. She says, First I want a MOU; then I need to know how much it's going to cost. Turns out, it's been done by John Senchshyn. \$10,000 to design it. Stephanie: will they use the equipment that Jim usually uses? JP: They want to use the same equipment they use at Hannah Williams so they can use the same tools.

Recap Meeting With Jim Lee – Monday, January 11th

- Wish list/Reserves – Will open it up to the teachers for requests; Sam: should I let you know which teachers haven't used their money? Ms. Poole would like risers; Bergeron: bulletin board; Niles: greenhouse in the winter; Beth & Joanne (guidance): fidget tools
- Principal's Coffee – "Social Smarts Night" - February 25th
 - Re: Open Circle, Social Thinking, Responsive Classroom, Power of One
 - 6:15 – Pasta dinner, 7:00 presentation includes students from different grades, Childcare provided
- Service learning project – Cradles to Crayons needs shoes. JP: should we do this for the entire school.

- Lost and Found – Daisy & Nell will remind parents to check by a certain date, items will be donated, possible service learning project – kids can sort the clothes by category, size, and bag them

Social Events

Social event– Cradles to Crayons Volunteer Day, Comedy Show: parent night? or G-rated with kids?
We vote parents!

Math Night – Aidan McCann

Other topics

Decide date of next meeting – Should we hold an evening meeting? Not in February; maybe March evening?

Ladies' Night at Cathy's house: Thursday, March 24?

March 11: Bingo Night

April 1: talent show

March 4?: Comedy Show