

HalePTA



PTA Executive Board Meeting November 11, 2015

PTA Board Members
Terri Link, Co-Chair
Kyle Mack, Co-Chair
Rachel Walker, Advisory
Kristin Farrell, Communications
Amira Holden, Communications
Meggen Lindsay Berlute, Membership
Randy Newton, Treasurer
Lindsey Daugherty, Secretary

AGENDA

1. Guest: Casey Roberts- Playground mulch health and safety discussion
 - Play it Safe Mpls-addressing problems in district with shredded tire mulch on playgrounds. Working with Mark Bolinger-district facilities manager
 - Tire mulch contains toxins and chemicals that may be unsafe. EPA will not say it is unsafe, but will not say that it is safe
 - Proposing replacing rubber mulch with engineered wood fiber mulch
 - Cost to replace is roughly \$8000 per school. Replenishment would need to be done every year or two, cost for replenishment would be \$2500. Will confirm if district would cover the annual refill costs as they currently cover rubber mulch refill costs
 - So long as we follow district rules regarding inspections and gain their approval on material, they would be ok with school specific changes we'd made
 - Jenny Lansing may be able to test the tire mulch on Hale's playground for toxins and chemicals
 - Mr Fitzgerald is on board and supportive of mulch replacement
2. Financials Review, budget update (ongoing topic-Randy)
 - \$25,000 moved to Hale PTA savings account
 - \$3600 Scholastic book fair earnings
 - \$3000 carnival earnings
3. Requests for funds (ongoing topic-Randy)
 - Brainpop renewal is 12/1/15, need to confirm if they will renew contract
 - All RFPs approved
 - **NOT YET APPROVED:** Mr Fitzgerald requesting funding for half of k-1 Dreambox licenses. PTA would like to better understand technology/program strategy and transition plans before approving funding portion of Dreambox program
 - **PTA Approved:** funding for 40 headsets for Media Center (approx. \$10 per headset)
4. Site Council Updates (ongoing topic-Meggen)
 - Student based allocation funding approach: not transitioning to SBA
 - Enrollment task force: 12 parents across all grade levels. Will address issues/opportunities such as classroom size, reviewing enrollment data/trends
5. Dreambox update
 - Licenses have been purchased for k-1. \$3500 for k-2
 - Would be interested in surveying teachers regarding various programs they use in classrooms and at home, what they see value in, etc
 - Current annual spend for programs for Hale is \$5000, with Dreambox, may increase to \$8000
6. Parent forum update
 - Topic: talking about Race with kids

- James Burroughs-potential speaker. Need to confirm if there is a conflict with the district, if not, will have him speak
 - Will ask parents to submit questions in advance
 - Will ask parents to RSVP (for food and childcare coverage)
7. Scholastic book fair for spring
 - Approved- one day book fair event, same night as science fair
 8. No Sale update/communication
 - PTA controls money raised from no-sale, ear marked for a variety of school programs, services, technology/programs and more
 9. Revisit headphone purchase
 - Mpls kids uses headsets. Should community Ed/Mpls Kids help pay for replacement headsets?
 - Approved funding for 40 headsets for media center
 10. Teacher Appreciation Committee and budget
 - Greta Wicker will chair the event
 - Budget for the event is \$300
 - Jen Karn can donate goodies
 11. Communications needs:
 - Update on open gym/move night
 - No sale
 - Read-a-thon results
 - Parent form/guest speaker

Future PTA agenda topics:

- Periodic grade leaders/principal meeting with PTA or portion of PTA
- PTA spend, review of how we spend funding and if it should continue or be spent elsewhere

OUTSTANDING ITEMS

Item	Owner	Origination Date
Follow up with FreeStyle on outstanding check	Rachel	10/21/15
Coordinate with Chipotle for next family dine out night	Terri	10/21/15
Send EIN number to Karen. Confirm EIN does not lapse.	Randy	10/21/15
Talk with Sheila Johnson and Ryan Fitzgerald regarding headset options and needs.	Terri	10/21/15
Determine with Ryan what needs typically should be funded by the school versus PTA	Terri	10/21/15
Talk to Ryan about needed communication: spring fling funding for ipads, buying chrome books instead. Ask Ryan about intended uses for technology, include explanation in next PTA newsletter.	Terri	10/21/15
Talk to Nate Lansing about PTA funding still held by the Foundation	Kristin	10/21/15
Follow up with Trish and Nell on support/work for no-sale fundraiser	Rachel	10/21/15
Talk to Jenny Lansing about testing rubber mulch	Kristin	11/11/15
Confirm Brainpop renewal	Randy	11/11/15
Survey teachers on learning programs	Rachel	11/11/15

Connect with Community Ed/Mpls Kids regarding helping pay for headsets	Sheilagh /Ryan	11/11/15
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PTA meeting schedule and location for SY 15/16: second Wednesday of each month at 6:30. Location will be announced prior to each meeting.