

# 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.