Minutes

Hill Campus of Arts & Sciences PTSA Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, 1/23/2018/ 6:00-7:30pm | Meeting called to order by Anna Rosenblum, PTSA President

# In Attendance

Anna Rosenblum Palmer, Oliver Palmer, Angie LeMire, Mamie Howard, Kim Thoureen, Vince Jordan, Jinny Lupo, James Lupo, Kate Jemulis, Jennifer I., Jean Bitzer, Sara Hanlon.

# Approval of Minutes

N/A

# Agenda

* Introductions for all in attendance.
* Angie LeMire volunteered to become PTSA Secretary for the remainder of the school year.
* STEM grant discussion: Committee formed for STEM night. Student members include: Ellery LeMire, James Lupo, Oliver Palmer, Rowan Hanlon, and Maeve Hanlon. Deadline to submit the National PTSA and Microsoft grant is February 9th. Grant award is $1,000 to host a STEM + Families Night in the Spring of 2018. The National PTA provides the support and training to host the event. Hill PTSA ensures everyone is welcomed to the event, coordinates student and family technology experience, and arranges for food and prizes. Anna agreed to submit grant. New committee and Sara Hanlon will move forward with planning once CityYear is confirmed to assist in STEM night activities. Other ideas included:
  + - * + Reach out to teachers for additional assistance and ideas
        + Have STEM night and IXL night on the same nights
        + Add incoming 6th graders to the invite
        + Reminder that PARCC testing is mid to late April, so this event may need to be held early April

*UPDATE 1/25/2018: CityYear is unable to assist with STEM Night.*

* A motion to move grocery card income from the basic needs fund to the general fund was made and seconded. All present voted in favor. The basic needs fund is fully funded at this time.
* A motion to fund an initial $2500 project (TV and speakers) for the library was made by Oliver Palmer and seconded by Jinny Lupo. All present voted in favor. This is one of two library projects requested. The second project is to upgrade library furniture with an estimated cost of $5,000.
* Gala discussion: funding to go to outdoor space and library projects this year. Last year the Gala raised $30,000.
* Collaborative School Council (CSC) explanation of the council and its members
* Future topics to consider: How does PTSA fundraising money make a difference within the school? Fine tune the mission and vision of the PTSA. Sex education as a signature class or something more.

# Budget

The current treasurer’s report was distributed by Jinny Lupo, PTSA Treasurer, and reviewed by the attendees.

Sue Slocum’s ski trip transportation funded ($2500). This will cover the $20/student transportation fee. Unused funds will be returned – extracurricular fund

Dance team – funding needed second half of the year – extracurricular fund

Teacher appreciation fund + teacher grants are in need of additional funds

Continue with grocery cards and dining out fundraisers = successful

# Announcements

Box Tops deadline for next submission is March 1st. Blurb sent to Sean to add to next THI- completed (Angie)

AmazonSmile discussed. Blurb on how to register sent to Sean to add to next Parent and Teacher THI- completed (Angie)

Yard signs- dispersed 8 yard signs to PTSA members- completed (Jennifer)

# Next Meeting

February 28th and March 20th, Hill Community Room – Gala-focused