

# Hillsmere Elementary PTA Meeting

November 15, 2022

## Attendance

- Cassie Heckman: President
- Lisa Brodjieski: VP of Membership
- Claire Meringolo: VP of Equity and Diversity
- Andrea Sidur: Treasurer
- Tracey Stakem: Secretary
- Sara Wittig: AP Enrichment
- Jamie Calloway-Hanauer
- Ms. Terry
- Ms. Kling
- Sara Pula
- Bridget
- Lindsay Pitzer
- Brooke Koons
- Caryn
- Robin Clark
- Unnamed
- Unnamed

## Minutes

Meeting begins at 7:04

### President Report (Cassie)

7:04

- PTA has accomplished the following so far this year: teacher breakfast, new headsets for testing, new color printer and ink, supported the pumpkin patch and then gift teacher requests
- No meeting in December, this is the last meeting for the year

### Chair Reports

Claire: Winter Bazaar

- Amazing event where kids can celebrate kindness and giving. A room at HES gets transformed for giving where students can select gifts for their family members.
- We need volunteers and donations—all hands on deck from the community
  - Needed: gently used toys/games from all ages, household items, jewelry, bath and body supplies, men's gifts, etc.
    - Can bring to Kindness Night for drop off
    - Donations should be school appropriate
  - Sign up genius is out for volunteering—also need help to sort.  
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084daba82ca4fb6-winter>
  - Gift bags (generic solid colored preferred) and tags are needed as well as reusable bags (like Trader Joes) or paper grocery bags
- Flyers will be sent home (Wednesday)
- Event is inclusive of all

Lisa: no report/new updates

Tracey: no report/new updates

Sara Wittig: Clubs

- 4 have started: Club Chesapeake, Science and 24 Club, Yoga
- Adding Chess Club—info went out. Chess will be on Wednesday. Grades 2-5.

Ms. Kling & Ms. Terry:

- Yes 4<sup>th</sup> graders go to Arlington Echo part of curriculum (question in chat)
- New school is rocking and rolling—progressing well and on schedule
- Thank you for the parade—apologies we missed some people (the littles were missed by some)—we will do better to give parents some leeway with timing
- Pumpkin Patch was great—thanks Ms. Kling—what a great idea and so much fun!
- Parent/teacher conferences on 11/21 and 11/22
- Listening Tour is coming up—11/28 with Dr. Bedel at AHS, 6:00

Discussion:

- Demo of existing school: what will that look like?
  - Ms. Terry unsure of timeline, but will find out
- Ms. Terry is not retiring 😊

Meeting adjourned at 7:35

Next Meeting January which will be in person

Thank you all!