

Hillsmere Elementary PTA Meeting

April 18, 2023

Attendance

- Cassie Heckman: President
- Tracey Stakem: Secretary
- Claire Meringolo: Equity
- Christine Crosby
- Lisa Brodkieski
- Ms. Terry
- Ms. Kling
- Robin Clark
- Shanna Janu
- Amilear Mazariego
- Crystal Monkman

Minutes

Meeting begins at 6:09

- Christine presents slate of candidates for the 2023-2024 school year
 - Elected officers:
 - President: Cassie Heckman
 - Enrichment VP: OPEN
 - Membership & Engagement: Shanna Janu
 - Equity & Diversity VP: OPEN
 - Treasurer: Kristen Acciaro
 - Secretary: Ellen Tallerico Black
 - Appointed Chair Positions
 - Advocacy and Community Liaison: Kinley Bray
 - Volunteer Coordinator: OPEN
 - FUNdraising: OPEN
 - The Buzz Editor: OPEN
 - Webmaster: OPEN
- Descriptions of candidates were presented.

President Report (Cassie)

- Silent Auction- May 11, 6:30-9pm, tickets on sale next week. Accepting donations. Still need volunteers to assist.
- Gym mats have been ordered and will be delivered to new school in July.
- 5th grade promotion—need some volunteers to coordinate with Ms. Terry to coordinate cupcakes and water. Potential date of June 9th—it will be a 2-hour early dismissal day, but the promotion will be later in the afternoon.
- Need a new Holiday Bazaar Chair—can be more than one person.

Chair Reports

There are no chair reports currently.

Admin Report

- Pre-k—potential for an additional teacher. Applicants will be prioritized.
- Bricks would not be able to be sold from the existing building.
- “Final Walk” will also not be able to be accommodated.

Discussion:

Favorite events from 2022-2023:

- pumpkin patch
- after school clubs (great variety)
- Kindness Night
- Paint Night
- Boosterthon

Planning Ideas for 2023-2024:

- Grand opening celebration
- Peak at Seat with Scavenger Hunt to meet PTA
- Grade Ambassadors for grades to arrange for social outings/play dates
- Facebook groups by grade (keep)
- Nature Sacred—meditation space
- More field trips (which are encouraged)
- Artist and residency program—maybe MD Hall? Annapolis Symphony?
- Bring back Mids for Kids
- Hillsmere Publishing Company... can we bring this back? The News Paper?
- Guinness Book Night?? Can they come back?
- Movie Night
- Trivia Night Fundraiser
- Social Gatherings for Parents