

Hillsmere Elementary PTA Board Meeting

September 20, 2022

Attendance

- Cassie Heckman: President
- Lisa Brodjieski: VP of Membership
- Claire Meringolo: VP of Equity and Diversity
- ~~Andrea Sidur: Treasurer~~
- Tracey Stakem: Secretary
- ~~Danielle Franz: FUNdraising~~
- ~~Kinley Bray: Advocacy and Community Liaison~~
- ~~Sara Wittig: AP Enrichment~~
- Christine Crosby
- Ms. (Melissa) Kling
- Martine Eade
- Enidia Santiago-Arce

Minutes

Meeting begins at 7:08 with Community Circle

President Report (Cassie)

7:16

- Approval of Bylaws
 - Freestate PTA is now our governing body
 - Tracey makes a motion to approve the bylaws
 - Lisa seconds the motion to approve the bylaws
 - Motion unanimously passes—Bylaws are approved

7:17

- Budget review
 - Points to note: Bedtime Story Night budget was increased (biggest event), Betterment and Advocacy—Classroom Support was increased, Field Trip support was increased, Holiday Bazaar was increased, Teacher Appreciation is increased, allocated replacement filters for air purifiers
 - Discussion: do we make money on the spirit wear? That is a choice we make to not use as a fundraiser to make spirit wear affordable for families
 - Christine makes a motion
 - Lisa seconded the motion
 - Budget approved and passed unanimously

7:25

- Still a need room parents—please reach out to Jaime hesvc@gmail.com to volunteer
- Volunteers must complete the background check and video viewing. There is an option to get fingerprinted with the Board of Ed (cost involved) but does not expire. If you are interested in chaperoning field trips it would be best to complete this process as soon as possible.

Chair Reports

Lisa (Membership): 30 new members from BTSN, 28 from online for a total of 58. People seeing us at BTSN was helpful. We will continue to recruit.

Claire (VP of Equity/Diversity): Holiday Bazaar co- chair and work will begin soon.

Tracey (Secretary): no report

Christine (Buzzkeeper): someone is interested in taking over for Christine for when she “retires.” If anyone has anything for the Buzz please email buzzkeeper@gmail.com

Ms. Kling:

- Thank you for your support and budget. Ms. Kling has been working in AACPS for 21 years now, first as teacher then as a Right Start Advisor. Hillsmere is 3rd ES Ms. Kling has worked at and she is looking forward to working with new community.
- We have 4 busses that are currently up and running
- Chromebooks have been handed out, we have a new computer tech that has been a huge help. We need more CBs and replacements. Grades 3-5 should bring back and forth.
- Thank you for PBIS funds to support the Pumpkin Patch incentive
- KB True Value Cash for Schools

Discussion:

- Reminder-- Oct 19 is Chick fil A Dining Out Night from 5-8pm
- We will be working this fall to clean out the portable (cottage) to sort and remove (trash, donate, etc)

Meeting adjourned at 7:40