

PTA Meeting Minutes 09/12/2023

ATTENDEES in person:

Melissa Zawadzki, Sean Larsen, Megan and Neil Eller, Emily Griffin, Sophia Quirk, Julia Tansmore, Karin Armour, Heather Moraff, Ryan Watkins, Ruth Gallagher, Margo Hopkins, Korin Sharp, Carmen Henry, Elizabeth Bradbury, Faith Hudson, Sylvie Schafer, Melissa Green Parker, James Parker, Katie Thorn, Katie Twinning

Attendees online will be added 9/30/2023

Meeting Call to Order

1. Board Introductions, Grade Level Liaisons, Committee Members, and Administration
2. Review and Approval of the minutes of June 6, 2023 PTA Meeting
3. Review and Approval of the minutes of June 20, 2023 PTA Meeting
4. Officers Reports
 1. Treasurer (Karin Armour Popkey): Will present our budget next meeting while last minute changes are made
 2. Membership (Korin Sharp): 91 members
 3. PTACHC (Melissa Green Parker drmcgreenparker@gmail.com):
 - a. State Delegates will be attending next PTACHC meeting
 - b. Consider questions for the Delegates concerning HoCo By Design
 - c. 30,000 new households are planned for HoCo
 - d. Are there overcrowding issues?
 - e. Town Hall next week about HoCo By Design
 4. Review of Summer Business (all good)
 - a. Playdates
 - b. Staff Breakfast
 - c. Open House, BTS night, Kona Ice
 - d. Spiritwear

New Business

- Amazon wishlist construction for staff and grade-level liaisons
- Making sure we don't use Venmo for official PTA purchases or donations
- Ice Cream social planned for Sept. 29, 2023
- Yearbook volunteers needed
- Volunteers needed for the School of Excellence committee
- Discussed volunteerism for all of our monthly PTA events this year; relying on SignUp Genius
- Teacher Appreciation (Katie Thorn): Renaming it Monthly Mojo; all volunteers and donations and ideas for Mojo go through Katie: kathrynthorn@gmail.com
- PTA will include Bus Driver and Janitorial for Staff Appreciation, and provides dinner on conference night
- Discussed a need to move the DONATE button to the top of PTA website
- Will weather be a factor for Trunk or Treat; options for rain
- Decided PTA will provide extra candy to the Trunk or Treat
- Ryan Watkins: ryan.n.watkins15@gmail.com Talent Show
- Sophia Quirk: sophia.quirk@hcpss.org Multicultural Night; passports available from Howard County Library System for this event
- Faith Hudson: fph176@gmail.com Spring Carnival 4/13/2023
- Making sure the 5th Grade celebrations this year are volunteered by 4th and under so 5th grade parents may attend

FUNDRAISING:

- Relink your VIC card at Harris Teeter
- Restaurant nights: Ledo in Fulton, Kloby's in October
- Square 1 Art
- Wrapping paper
- Sees Candies
- Harlem Wizards revealed as our big fundraiser for this year
- Read-A-Thon
- Spring Carnival

Faith Hudson (fph176@gmail.com) collection donations of toilet paper rolls, paper towel rolls, shoeboxes for school use

Budget Approval:

Sophia Quirk moves to approve the budget, Katie Thorn seconds, vote is majority AYE. Budget approved.

Administration Report: Heather Moraff

1. Thank you for a great start
2. Picture Day September 27, 2023
3. MAP testing soon
4. K-2 new grading system

Melissa Zawadzki moves to adjourn the meeting, Sean Larsen seconded the motion.