

Wednesday, January 15, 2020 at 6:30 PM
Hudson PTO Minutes: General Meeting
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1. Call to order at 6:33 pm

- a. **Attendance:** Stephanie Margolis, Erin Rathjen-Decker, Kay Horner, Lisa Hilpert, EJ Brace, Allison Aardsma, Niki Winchester, Jen Gruenenfelder, Mary Laberta, Julie Tubbs, Melissa Gebhart-Jackson, Claire Diemler

2. Principal's Report, Lisa Hilpert, Claire Diemler.

- a. Restorative Practices: Claire and Lisa reviewed how Restorative Practices are used at Hudson. These practices emphasize how to talk with each other, cultivate community, and emphasize the well-being of students. These practices balance accountability with understanding. The restorative approach acknowledges that when people and relationships are harmed, taking responsibility and everyone having a role in repairing the harm is helpful. These practices aid in identifying the needs and responsibilities of all impacted. The voice of the student is important and students learn to navigate relationships thoughtfully.

Claire led us through one of the restorative practices: Talking circles. The talking circle starts with a defined purpose for the activity. Norms are established for the activity (for example, only talking when you are holding the talking piece). The circle can begin with an opening activity and then participants take turns talking (for example, responding to a question that is posed at the beginning). The circle ends with a closing activity.

- b. Position open for kindergarten teacher
 - i. 41 initial applicants, 29 applicants submitted a follow-up video response

3. Minutes:

- a. Reviewed Minutes from November
- b. Motion to approve: 1st EJ Brace, Erin Rathjen-Decker, 2nd Erin Rathjen-Decker; approved with no abstentions

4. Financial Report

- a. Fundraising summary
 - i. Donations from giving Tuesday and other family donations
 - ii. Book fair income \$1213.09
 - iii. Income from Dewey's dine out, Amazon Smile, Escrips
- b. Expenses

5. Approval of Bills

- a. Motion to approve \$1941.64 in bills: 1st Kay Horner, 2nd Allison Aardsma; approved with no abstentions

6. Committee Reports

a. Standing Committees

- i. Welcome Committee/Hudson Cares, Niki Winchester
 - 1. Parents Night Out had good turn out
 - 2. Prospective parent folders made at last meeting
 - 3. Kindergarten information night 2/5 at 6:00 pm

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- ii. Playground Committee, Jen Gruenenfelder
 - 1. Recently met with WGSD and Rock Hill
 - 2. Revised designs with Unlimited Play
 - 3. \$5300 in the playground account
 - 4. Fundraiser in the spring
- iii. Box Tops, Stephanie Margolis
 - 1. Continue to send in paper box tops
 - 2. Download the Box Tops for Education App and scan your receipts
- iv. Staff Appreciation Committee, Mary Laberta
 - 1. Staff appreciation week in May
 - 2. Administrative Professionals' Day, Principal's Day

b. Event Committees

- i. Dine outs
 - 1. 1/24 Panda Express
 - 2. Suggestions for an experience: Rockinjump as a possibility
- ii. PTO Adult Fundraiser/Trivia Night, Niki Winchester, Julie Tubbs
 - 1. Saturday, February 1 at St. Elizabeth's, \$25 per person, 8 per table, 80's theme
 - 2. Volunteers needed to work
 - 3. Tickets still available

7. New Business

- a. Act of Kindness, Allison Aardsma
 - i. Suggestions for a community activity that can be completed in a short period of time that relate to the community
 - ii. Examples of past ideas: painting friendship rocks, making blankets

8. Unfinished Business

- a. Volunteer updates, Allison Aardsma
 - i. Looking for co-chair for Spring Picnic to join Amelia Klueter
- b. Student Grants, Stephanie Margolis
 - i. Reviewed guidelines for grant submissions with classrooms
- c. Prop E Boundary Updates, EJ Brace
 - i. Online presentation available http://www.dejongrichter.com/WGSD/wp-content/uploads/sites/35/2020/01/WGSD_ES_Boundary_Presentation.pdf
 - ii. or go to the Webster Groves School District home page and click on the Proposition E icon in the lower center of the page and then click Elementary Redistricting Details
 - iii. Complete online survey
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WGSDbounds2021>
 - iv. Attend open house (1/28/20 and 1/29/20)
- d. PTO meeting format, Stephanie Margolis
 - i. Survey for ideas, feedback will be distributed

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ii. Babysitting available for meetings

Adjourn at 7:36 pm

Next meeting: Wednesday, February 5 at 8:30 a.m. following the VIP breakfast