



Brooks Hill PTA

General Meeting #3
November 15th, 2022
Meeting Minutes

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Rachel Wiesner: Treasurer
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Brooks Hill School Library / Virtual via Google Meet

Next Meeting: January 17th, 2023

Attendees: Meredith Klus, Stacie Miller, Lisa Turner, Lindsey Schwartz, Rachel Wiesner, Theresa Cline, Kelly Weishaar, Megan Wenner, Katelynn Hoyt, Elizabeth Brandt, Sarah Mayne, Melissa Kreso, Celest Foster, Teale Brown, Colleen Peters

Call to Order/Welcome and Introductions

Call to order 6:30 PM by Lisa Turner

Approval of the October 2022 meeting minutes

To be approved next meeting

Guest Speaker, Kelly Weishaar - Title I Student, Parent, and Community Access Liaison for Fairport

All student populations must be looked at for equality - funding needs to go where the needs are greatest

We engage with parents by sharing at PTA meetings, open houses, websites, apps, etc.

We do a lot of home visits and have rich community resources in Fairport

We have special councils and lots of opportunities for volunteers

Work with UofR to better our own staff's skills and have a new relationship with Strong to offer substance and abuse support. Partner with Generations, BOCES, etc. to build services and support to families

Added this year, to acknowledge that electronic accessibility may be difficult, we will mail grades and assessments home or send them in backpacks

How the money is spent:

- Partial salaries of math and reading specialists
- Fund summer programming – stop summer slide and keep kids engaged
- Professional learning for staff
- Shuttle bussing
- Some funds do go to homes as part of the grant
- Parent and Family Engagement Reserve Fund – a percentage of this must be earmarked

Parent -School Compact ensures each school has the agreement that everyone will work together for the best of the parent/children.

Question: What is the money being used for in private school?

It is a mandate that they get a cut of the funds – flow through funds

It is a small amount of money for Fairport students who go to private schools

Q: How many math and literacy specialty staff do we have?

4 per building for literacy and 3 per building for math

Q: what are the summer programs?

Students who need tier 2 and 3 (higher support) needs – to close the academic gaps

Students who have special education needs and eligible for 12-month education

Q: Why have the number of students receiving the free and reduced lunches increased so much?

Families who simply have the need has gone up

Last year we had the highest percentage of those who met the criteria

No one knows who gets the families are that need the services

We put out messaging to the entire community so people know they can ask for help if they need it

Full agreement to adopt the Parent and Family Engagement Policy, School Compact and BOE Policy 8260

Report of Officers

Treasurer's Report: Rachel Wiesner

The bank account balances as of October 31, 2022, were \$33,934.06 in the checking account, \$4,860.87 in the savings account, \$24.60 in the PayPal account and \$0 in Venmo.

The PTA's 2021 Form 990-EZ was submitted to and accepted by the IRS on November 10, 2022. Expenses for October were primarily related to the Fall Fun Fair. There are some final expenses that will spill into November or even December. Ticket sales came in just under \$1,000 at \$992. We also paid Bravo Creative Arts for their services related to Seussical Jr. The ordering deadline for Square 1 Art is this Thursday, November 17. The items offered make great holiday gift ideas for family, so be sure to get your orders in. A reminder email will go out to the PTA contact list tomorrow. A reminder that you can also support the PTA by setting your Amazon Smile beneficiary to be the Brooks Hill PTA. Doing so will direct 0.5% of your eligible Amazon purchases to the PTA; just shop through smile.amazon.com. Also, the Box Tops program is now entirely digital. Just download the Box Tops app, create, and account, and upload receipts anytime you purchase Box Tops products. There is a great bonus offer going on right now - purchase four qualifying Annie's mac and cheese products from Target through November 30, and an additional \$4 will go to the PTA. You can claim it up to 5 times.

Vice President's Report – Lindsey Schwartz

A total of 150 memberships have been purchased for the school year to date.

Sarah Bambury was married on 11/12 and is now Mrs. Miterko. The PTA wishes her congratulations and will be sending a card and gift. Another congratulations to Cindy Fortner, who is being inducted to the Fairport Wall of Distinction on 11/16.

Square 1 Art Update - Artwork and order forms went home via backpacks. Families have until 11/17 to place orders.

Presidents' Report: Lisa Turner/Rachel Rayburn

Membership – we received an early bird award from the state for percentage of membership

All Fairport PTA presidents met with Brett Provenzano the Fairport superintendent. Discussed the plays and using Bravo, possibility to add concessions.

Ski club – not associated with the district, kids leave from the school, keep their things here and still in the process of getting things finalized/approved. If you have a 5th grader and are interested in them joining contact the board

Discussed Parent Square – and notifications. The feedback was a lot of updates about the high school, and adding the functionality to subscribe to certain 'channels' so it's filtered to specific family's needs – sports, music, art, etc.

President of PTA at the high school asking schools to donate to the Senior Bash. This would need to be voted on by our PTA.

Thank you to the Red Ribbon Week, reading challenge and the open house ice cream social volunteers.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Klus

Tomorrow night is the wall of distinction ceremony. We have had 2 recently. Cindy Fortner is being inducted tomorrow. She attended a luncheon on Monday – interviewed by a FHS child and they present back to the inductees. Speeches are tomorrow and Cindy will be honored.

Report cards, any school report will be backpacked home on Monday Dec. 5th. All come home in one packet to comply with our sustainability standards.

There will be a report card survey coming out from the school improvement committee. This will be sent home around report card and conferences week.

Current 5th grade class will be the first to skip Minerva and go straight from middle to FHS. All the schools need to be overhauled; nothing has changed. The next vote for the capital project is 12/13.

Q: Is the DARE program going to return?

Monroe County Sheriff's office has cancelled it indefinitely

Mark Hoffman topic - we talk to the kids about see something say something

Q: Do we help kids identify safe adults?

Yes, they do this in Health class.

Lead Teacher Report: Mrs. Waldmiller

Thank you for supporting the reading challenge – the kids really enjoyed it.

Veterans day doors were great.

Don't forget about signing up for conferences.

Parent square – if you get it and read it – the appreciate is helpful to know who has seen it

Kids have really loved the clubs. There are no clubs next week due to the short week. Opening interest for the next round of clubs in early Dec. and they will start up in January.

Report of Coordinators

Brooks Hill School Book Fair - Beth Rupp

The Book Fair is well underway and is December 7-9! Sign up slots for Volunteers are now open on the Membership Toolkit. We need Volunteers Tuesday evening Dec 6 and all-day Dec 7-9.

Volunteers help make it run smoothly. You can bring your children to help volunteer if needed to. Wednesday during the day it will be in the Wonder Lab to have each class come and browse. A sign up for the time slots will be sent out to teachers prior to the Fair. Wednesday evening, Thursday, and Friday the fair will be in the cafeteria. Volunteers can help run the register or organize and help people find books and set up and clean up. A flyer has been approved that will be sent home before a couple of weeks before the fair. The Book Fair is doing the eWallet again if parents want to sign up for that. We are hoping to have vouchers again for books for some of our students. We are planning on using Scholastic Books Dollars for our profit instead of cash to use the Scholastic money for books for the vending machine. Please let me know if you have any questions or need help signing up erupp777@yahoo.com.

School Play Seussical – Lindsey Schwartz

Practice is in full swing for the school play Seussical! Students are really enjoying working together and learning their parts. As a reminder ensemble practice begins December 2nd!

If you have questions regarding the play, please reach out to Janelle Enser via email at janelle.enser@yahoo.com.

Cast A – 2 performances on Thursday

Cast B -2 performances on Friday

Q: How is the parent support?

Right now it's just Janelle and Lindsey. We may be asking for parents to help with the rehearsals. Meg is interested in helping.

Announcements and Adjournment

Planning process for next year's board – need new people to be on the board. Current positions can shuffle around but a few members are at the end of their 2-year term.

Q: Is there a description of work for each position.

Yes, we can share that soon.

Meeting to motioned to adjourn 8:15 PM:

Melissa Kreso

Seconded by Elizabeth Brandt