**Hillsdale Elementary School**

**PTO Membership Meeting**

**Friday, March 18th 2016**

**Attendees:**

Lesley Navazio(PTO President)

Mrs. Marilynn Quinn (2nd Grade)

Beth Rosica (PTO Vice Pres)

Kate Semon (PTO Secretary)

Karen Orkin (Assemblies Coordinator)

Julianne Pecorella (School Principal)

1. Introductions and Attendance
2. Principal’s Report
3. Nick Bruel Author Visit was excellent. Thanks to Mrs. Orkin for all her work
4. PSSAs almost completed 3rd and 5th grade completed today, 4th grade completed next week 10 families have opted out on the testing this year
5. Wilma Santos Retirement Party for Adults only upcoming
6. Report Cards out last week
7. Online Report Cards next year and Trimesters starting next year
8. Co President’s Report
9. PTO current Presidents still actively seeking two Co Presidents for next year
10. Square One Art- Ongoing Fundraiser Deadline April 25th
11. Hauling For Hillsdale May 13th Friday night, Chester County Running Store assisting. 5 different races on all different levels, Online registration available and a Rain Date to be determined
12. STEM update- Chess Club up and running Lego Club starting today
13. PTO dues- Volunteerism is down, fewer fundraiser required, multiple schools currently collected dues with varying success, 18 to 40%

to be voted on next meeting

1. Talent Show for the 5th grade June 3rd
2. Teacher Appreciation Day
3. May3rd Track and Field day
4. Vice President’s Report
   1. Dinner for Hillsdale at RapidDough June 9th which is a half Day
   2. Classic Diner May 21 and 22
5. Teacher’s Report
6. Miss Gearhart requests the use of the bulletin board to advertise 4th grade Pretzel sale. Dates to be announced.
7. Mrs. Quinn to discuss the merging the Veggie Garden Committee and the Flower Garden Committee and requests assistance for various gardening projects and summer maintenance thru the newsletter and possibly a Sign Up Genius
8. Funding Requests:
9. Lego Table for Mrs. Roberts $182.45- Approved
10. Four Presentation Easels for Mr. Hober $122.80- Approved
11. DVR Smart TV and 4 Bookshelves for Lower Pod Teachers $844- Approved
12. Growing Garden Book for Mrs. Quinn $40- Approved
13. Teacher’s Report

Nothing at this Time

1. PTO Vice Presidents Report
2. Giant A+ program Last Day was Thursday March 17th, $6,400 at last check raised for Hillsdale
3. Campbell Soup Program to end and Campbell’s are establishing a new program to take its place. PTO will be using all previously accumulated points to purchase Visa Gift Cards to be used at a later date Final collection date for Hillsdale will be end of April
4. Winter Carnival raised $4,700
5. Teacher Requests:

5th grade is requesting $325 for a Colonial America Trunk Show

Will be a discussion for then and now.

Approved

Mrs. Zwianski is requesting funding for new wildlife puppets and nonfiction readers for the kindergarten

Approved

Mrs. Roberts requesting $116 for a fish tank stand (please reference the Catania Presentation)

Approved

1. Dining out for Hillsdale: considering holding the event every other month instead of monthly.
2. Open E Books app- for Title One schools: Families can borrow books on line (up to 10 books at a time)
3. Treasurer’s Report

The final payment made on new playground equipment installation

1. Secretary’s Report

Nothing at this time

1. Committee Report
   * 1. School Wide Dance- March 11th, very successful
     2. Author Nick Bruel Friday April 8TH
     3. Yearbook Shout Outs are school wide, yearbook planning and assembly continues smoothly
     4. Winter Carnival was very successful, thanks to all volunteers
     5. Volunteers Days going well:
        1. Lions Club came and explained their glasses donations/collecting and distribution programs
        2. Breakfast Bags assembled for Safe Harbor
        3. Paradise Farm Over Night Trip was declined for the fifth grade.