

**PTO General Meeting Agenda**  
**October 6, 2016**

**1. Co-Presidents (Karen Fleming and Tara Aviles)**

- District PTO Presidents' meeting highlights: *The PTO Presidents from around the district meet on a bi-monthly basis with the superintendent and other board office personnel to keep lines of communication open. At our Sept meeting we discussed:*

1. *This year the district is looking at heating, air, fire alarm systems in each school to see what needs to be upgraded.*
2. *Several surveys have come from the board; one of which was about the need to print the District Calendar. They received about a 50/50 split of those who wanted it and those who didn't. So they printed half the amount and tried to send home only one per family. Also instituted an on-line google calendar that can be downloaded to your devices. Saved the district \$2,000.*
3. *Next Generation Science standards are not mandatory until next year but district has gotten a head-start, revamping curriculum over summer.*

**2. Faculty Report – Dr. Madden**

*Dr. Madden stressed the importance of having a strong partnership between home and school. She's here for the parents, students, and staff. Her plan for communication:*

1. *Monthly newsletter- reflection of the month and reminder of up-coming events. Mid-year it will go from a paper version to an on-line version.*
2. *Twitter feed right on the school's homepage to promote conversations btwn students and parents as to what's going on during the school day.*
3. *Hillside Facebook page which will sync with tweets.*
4. *Remind 101 app: receive text messages from Dr. Madden regarding important reminders.*

*Some are already in place, others are coming soon.*

*Dr. Madden encouraged everyone to get involved but also to respect the school setting. Safety of our students is of her utmost concern and she wants to remind everyone to sign in to the office when arriving at school and proceed directly to your destination.*

**3. Vice President of Social Activities (Heidi Bourke)**

- Upcoming activities

\*Omega man assembly 10/7

\*Pumpkin palooza 10/19

\*Kids paint night 11/3

\*Theater Week chair still needed: *Please contact Heidi if you'd like to chair or co-chair this event.*

**4. Vice President of Fundraising (Maureen Mitchell)**

- Results of previous fundraisers

\* Plant Sale & clothing drive: *Made about \$900 total*

\*Spiritwear: *over 110 items ordered, which nets pto \$220*

*\*Kid Stuff Books: popularity is dwindling, so looking at a new vendor for next year which will have app besides book; more places to choose from and having the app on your phone eliminates the need to always have the book on hand.*

- Upcoming:

*\*Ladies Night: Pre-sale raffle tickets available, silent auction items this year (List to come home in advance of Ladies Night)*

*\*Dine Out night : Uno Pizzeria Thursday 10/13*

*\*Square One Art: your child's art from art class can be turned into giftable items*

- On Going:

*\*Scrip: Can purchase gift cards through PTO and pto receives a percentage of each gift card while you receive the full face value*

*\*Box Tops: Deadline 11/1/16 for Fall*

*\*The Big Event Loyalty Program: new event place in Cherry Hill. Giving out loyalty cards; when you go or book a party there, pto will receive 10% of what you spend*

-Potential:

*\* Dad's night out this year*

## **5. Treasurer (Jennifer Chinn)**

- Approval of the 2016/17 budget: *Approved at meeting*

- Reimbursement/deposit/check request forms: *If you chair a PTO event, please look at our pto webpage for printable forms necessary for requesting checks, making deposits, or requesting reimbursements.*

## **6. Co-Corresponding Secretaries (Valarie Osworth / Nora Platt)**

- My School Anywhere directory usage

- New Hillside Happenings format and delivery

- Event and room parent sign up features

*Hillside Happenings now being sent from MySchoolAnywhere. Directory also online through MySchoolAnywhere; please join in order to keep in contact with classmates. So far 259 students are registered in the on-line directory. if you are a room parent and want to send out messages, sign-ups to your class you can get access code from Nora Platt and use MySchoolAnywhere to do so.*

## **7. Parliamentarian (Cathy Bailey)**

*No report*

## **8. Recording Secretary (Nicole Graziano)**

*No report*