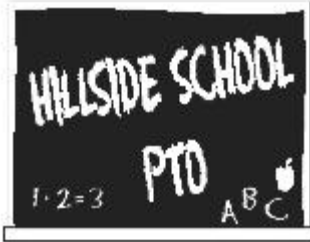


Hillside PTO General Membership Meeting

February 16, 2016



Co-Presidents (Karen Fleming & Tara Aviles)

- A presenter has been arranged for the April PTO meeting. Richard Guerry, a Hillside parent, will discuss internet safety. The regular meeting will run 7-7:30pm, with his 45 minute presentation following immediately after.
- Following our recent survey, sufficient interest was expressed in a trip see a Trenton Thunder baseball game to pursue the event. A flyer with details and ticket ordering information will be sent home in the coming weeks.
- Recess carts have been restocked with games, puzzles and legos. Mrs Betley expressed appreciation and provided positive feedback for the use of the carts.
- PTO will provide lemonade and popcorn at Mrs Eley's assembly on March 2, for the culmination of the One Book, One School program.

Faculty Report (Mary Fitzgerald)

- Parents of children with handheld devices with internet access should be aware of a new app called "ooVoo", an instant messaging and video chat app. Children should be instructed to report any inappropriate material received to parents. Local police will be presenting to 3rd/4th grade in the coming weeks, and a letter from Mrs Fitzgerald will be sent home reminding parents of the need for vigilance with regard to internet safety for their children.
- One Book, One School program is progressing, and the program will culminate with a special assembly on March 2.
- Mrs Black thanked the PTO for their continued support of her "Veggie of the Month" program for second grade.

Vice President of Social Activities (Nicole Graziano)

- Mad Science Mother/Son Night was successful. Feedback is appreciated to help improve future events.
- Kid's Skating Social at ISC was successful. Potentially looking at a "Green Party" as a spring craft social.
- Snowball Father/Daughter Dance upcoming on February 19.
- Hillside Hoops upcoming on March 11.

- Bingo Night upcoming on March 15. Volunteers are needed and should contact Nicole Graziano or Lisa Gonzalez for more information.
- Upcoming assembly on April 12 by the Franklin Institute on the topic of Weather.

Vice President of Fundraising (Maureen Mitchell)

- Funtasia Planning Meeting on February 29 at 7pm in the Mount Laurel Community Center. All are welcome to participate, as it requires many volunteers to run a successful event. Prize basket allocations have been forwarded to class teachers/head room parents.
- In process of booking Laurel Creek Country Club for our 2016/17 Ladies Night this fall.

Treasurer (Jen Chinn)

- Budget update was presented.
- Year end gift ideas submitted by faculty (die cut machine, new outdoor basketball hoops, blacktop game paint markings & additional chrome books) are being priced for consideration.

Corresponding Secretary (Heidi Bourke)

- Copy for weekly Hillside Happenings should be submitted by Thursday for inclusion in Sunday's Happenings.

Parliamentarian (Shelly Smyth)

- Tara Aviles proposed a motion for this year's Nominating Committee to include Bridget Christie, Heather Blum and Staci Hecht. The motion was seconded by Maureen Mitchell, and duly passed.
- Open positions for the 2016/17 PTO Board are Vice President of Social Activities, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary and Parliamentarian. Nomination forms will be sent home in the coming weeks.
- Kindergarten Round-up (for incoming kindergarteners and students new to Hillside for first grade) will be held week of March 7, with four daytime sessions and one evening session. PTO board members will be on hand to assist.

Recording Secretary (Bridget Christy)

- Check Hillside PTO webpage for up-to-date forms and flyers.
- January 2016 minutes have been posted and were approved.

Next meeting: Tuesday, April 5, 7pm, Hillside Library