



Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, October 9, 2017

Attendees

Heather Jenkins, Rachel Johnson, Jessica Swaters, Michaela Burke, Kendall Burr (notetaker), Jodi Sundquist (faculty representative), Michelle Kelly

Agenda

Call to order 6:36 by Heather Jenkins

Approval of previous minutes

Michelle Kelly moved that we accept the August and September minutes. Kendall Burr seconded. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Kendall Burr

- **Hearing and Vision:** Screening will take place this week. Thanks for PTA for arranging a few volunteers!
- **School Picture:** Many thanks also to PTA for volunteers for this event, as well.
- **Help for Houston:** Sheryl Lorenz, a Hilltop teacher has organized a donation drive for a partner early childhood center in Houston, TX. This is an initiative of the staff, but if we need help in transporting items, we may reach out to the PTA to brainstorm with us.

Parents as Teachers Report: Michelle Kelly

- Library Storytimes: "Mr. Bradley" is not able to have storytimes in the spring due to opening the new library branch. Michelle is opening it up for ideas to have
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storytimes in the spring, without his participation. Possible ideas: a different librarian from JoCo library, CAPS student, etc.

- Still need staff for this Saturday storytime -- Kendall will send a plea to her staff
- Michelle described serving a small group of 3-5 year olds, in particular families who have a child that they wanted to enroll in the peer program but who didn't meet the English language criteria. They will be involved in home visits and screenings, and their group meeting will be a playgroup on Fridays with Amy Scavuzzo. The goal will be to maintain a connection with those families and provide support for community preschool enrollment.
- Thursday playgroups have been very large and there have been some mild concerns about supervision, sometimes caused by cell phone use. They have encouraged families to choose other times if that works, as well as use cell phones outside of the room with their child.

Teacher Representative

President's Report: Heather Jenkins

- **PTA Calendar:** Heather will work to ensure that between PAT and Hilltop and Facebook, that calendars stay current and in sync.
- **Standing Rules:** On guidance from the state PTA, Heather will have some proposals for a few changes, such as updating dues. Heather will review the current standing rules and propose changes, using the process outlined by state PTA. Goal is to have that completed by the next meeting date.
- **President's Council Boot Camp:**
 - **Fundraising:**
 - One idea was to print a notebook (minimal cost through print services) and send it home with families who have enrolled through ParentVue to try to capture their contact information.
 - Amazon Smile could generate a little bit of revenue
 - School Supplies is one option explored in the past, but it is expected that EC school supplies will work differently next year.
 - Restaurant Nights can be more successful if we find restaurants that do not require flyers. McDonald's could be a popular spot. Other options to explore: Chic-Fil-A, Raising Caine's,

- Other options considered involved offering food/drink for donation at Preschool Fair or other events. There was question about the rules around “selling” things...
 - **Consider New Committee Chair:** cultural liason -- Lakewood would be a good example
- **Communication:** Currently using email (PTA Newsletter, Hilltop Happenings, PAT Newsletter), Facebook, PTA website, (Hilltop website links to PTA website). Many PTA/PTOs are using Membership Toolkit. As used by most schools, it is a \$900 fee, however, there is a less expensive version that could be explored. Heather will bring more information back to the group or refer her to Rachel, who has used it as a parent.
 - Heather will continue to send information to Kendall and Michelle. Kendall will forward .pdfs to teachers who can also send them out. Michelle will add PTA events to the PAT calendar.

Vice President of Preschool Report: Jennifer Schlup (absent)

- **Trunk or Treat** -- October 19 -- last year had 26 cars. Slower signups this year. Room parents haven't volunteered as much as last year, and others share that they aren't having much luck getting volunteers or contact information. Looking for ideas for games... Rachel and Jessica had games to contribute -- they were asked to contact Jennifer or Heather. Heather will propose the “photo booth”
- **Conference Week Treats** -- proposal that there was an ask for more “mealish” items as we are changing up conference nights a bit this year. Ideas included sandwich trays from Costco, sign ups for Crock-Pot soups, Costco pizza, other sign ups... Michelle moved that the budget be amended to include \$175 for food. Jessica seconded. Motion carried.

Vice President of PAT Report: Michaela Burke

- **Preschool Fair:** Michaela updated the vendor letter. This will go out to previous and prospective vendors

Treasurer Report: Jessica Swaters and Rachel Johnson

- **Membership:** 91 paid members
- **Spirit Wear:** deadline has come and gone, but a few orders still came in. There may be enough extras to be able to cover these orders.

Secretary Report: none

- Kendall Burr volunteered to take notes tonight.
- The Google Doc was shared with Brooke so she'll be ready for next meeting.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:21 pm

Next meeting is Monday, Nov. 6 at 6:30 in the Welcome Center