



# Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, March 5, 2018

## Attendees

Heather Jenkins, Rachel Johnson, Jessica Swaters, Kendall Burr, Michelle Kelly, Michaela Burke

## Agenda

### Call to order

Heather Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:33 PM.

### Approval of previous minutes

Jessica Swaters read last month's minutes. Kendall Burr moved that we accept the February minutes. Michelle Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

### Principal Report: Kendall Burr

- Thanks to our PTA volunteers for help with spring class pictures! We'll work with our teachers to continue to solicit candid photos for the yearbook. Deadline was today, but Kendall will send one more reminder.
  - Kendall will put an item in the Hilltop Newsletter to solicit gift cards for families in need -- previously discussed and approved as a replacement for the "Hug Fund." *update -- Kendall will put together a sign up to add a little structure to this as opposed to an "open ask".*
  - Continuing to enroll peers for 18-19, no new peers for this school year. Some sections full at this point, but lots of opportunity for new enrollment. Kendall reviewing to realign feeders where appropriate.
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## Parents as Teachers Report: Michelle Kelly

- PAT just hired a new parent educator. Yay! Amy Mertz has returned from medical leave. Another Yay!
- New PE will offset caseloads to support the new service to 3-5 year olds.
- PAT will continue to work with EC to pilot services to the following 3-5 groups:
  - Families who do not qualify for the EC Peer program due to lack of English fluency -- including weekly playgroups
  - Families from a pilot group of teachers who have been referred as good candidates to receive continued services due to multiple risk factors
- Michelle will make a formal proposal prior to next month to combine the PTA with her PAT advisory committee.
- 803 families have had at least one visit so far this school year!

## Teacher Representative

No Teacher Representative tonight. Per Kendall, they were very appreciative of the conference dinner offerings! Looking forward to teacher appreciation.

## President's Report: Heather Jenkins

- **Yearbook Update:** Heather will work with Sheryl to make sure that families can connect with ParentVue to order yearbooks or check to see if they have ordered.
- **Recruiting:** Heather is recruiting board members and committee chairs for next year. She will put the description of the positions on Facebook and email to the membership. Kendall will forward to Hilltop EC families. A signup will go out later this spring. Goal is to have a slate ready by May for elections in June.
- **Car Seat Safety Check:** May 17, PTA is partnering with PAT and EC to sponsor a Car Seat Safety Check. Gi Rosenthal (Hilltop nurse) is coordinating with BV Police and PTA. Heather will work with Gi if she would like a speaker at the May PTA meeting.
- **Summer Tour of Parks:** Last year didn't seem to be well-attended, but there was a proposal for Friday mornings at Hilltop. The playgrounds will a meetup spot at 10:00 each Friday.
- **Field Trips:** Jessica is planning an April field trip, but skipping March due to spring break. Looking to schedule a Kindermusik event paid by PTA, or a trip to Gym 360. May do a meetup at Paint, Glaze and Fire and offer a free coffee to members.

- **Committee Volunteers:** Recommendation for very specific asks for help with committee work next year to avoid having board members need to take on quite so much.
- **Family Fitness Day:** lots of roadblocks in the planning make it seem feasible to reschedule to fall. Jessica will consider needs for fall and be ready to propose volunteer needs.
- **Hilltop Celebration:** Jessica working on putting it together. Amy Mertz can help.
- **T-shirts:** Jessica will work with Bonfire to set up t-shirt options.

### Vice President of Preschool Report: Jennifer Schlup (absent)

### Vice President of PAT Report: Michaela Burke

- **Preschool Fair:** awaiting bill for custodial and rental. Other receipts turned in tonight.

### Treasurer Report: Jessica Swaters and Rachel Johnson

- Revenues are down from last year, but since a surplus carried over, there are still funds to do all of the planned activities.

### Secretary Report: (Brooke absent)

- Kendall Burr volunteered to take notes tonight.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:01 pm

Next meeting is Monday, April 2 at 6:30 in the Welcome Center