



Blue Valley Early Childhood PTA Meeting Minutes

Monday, April 2, 2018

Attendees

Heather Jenkins, Jessica Swaters, Brooke Hightower-Foster, Kendall Burr, Michelle Kelly,

Agenda

Call to order

Heather Jenkins called the meeting to order at 6:34 PM.

Approval of previous minutes

March minutes were previously sent and all present reviewed. Kendall Burr moved that we accept the March minutes. Michelle Kelly seconded. Motion carried.

Principal Report: Kendall Burr

- 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

- New Parent Educator started today! Her name is Ronnie Rosewicz.
 - New PE will offset caseloads to support the new service to 3-5 year olds.
 - Michelle is working on the grant renewal process for next year.
 - Michelle is formally proposing that the PTA serve as her PAT Advisory Committee.
 - Requirements are that it include:
 - Present families
 - Past families
 - Partner agencies
 - Michelle will continue to include updates in the PTA meetings that meet the requirements for what is expected to be shared with an Advisory Board
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- Advisory Board is expected to meet 4x per year, so Michelle may include more detail and invite other community partners to 4 designated meetings per year.
- PAT and EC continue to work together to serve families of 3-5 year olds who are in the EC program and have risk factors that suggest additional family support would be valuable.
- Next year, PAT will engage in a quality assessment or “audit” from National PTA.
- Will use a new tool to measure parenting practices aligned with positive social-emotional outcomes.
- **Summer Story Times** -- will be back at Hilltop on Fridays this summer
 - June 8, June 29, July 27 (drop August date)
 - Michelle Kelly moved that we approve paying a Parent Educator (Sarah Unrein) for the summer story times. Kendall Burr seconded. This stays within what is budgeted for this year. Motion passed.

Teacher Representative

No Teacher Representative tonight. Per Kendall, they are looking forward to Teacher Appreciation Week!

President’s Report: Heather Jenkins

- **Legislative Update:** Heather updated the group on a few bills currently in the legislature including dyslexia bills, school funding bills (including transportation aid), and potential property tax issues.
- **Technology Impact Study:** Results of study related to MS and HS technology will be presented at the next board meeting.
- **Chinese Immersion Program:** Extending to VPE for next year -- will be at WSE and VPE. Deadline to enroll has passed.
- **BVWell:** Next community event on April 24 at Hilltop with a focus on social media and technology. Next organizational meeting is April 4 at 6:30 PM in High Plains at DO.
- **April 20 Walkout:** just for information -- high school students are expected to have walkout events, may be other activities taking place at middle schools or elementary schools.
- **Creative Carnivals:** Is the only company in the immediate area that complies with current law in the immediate area.
- **BVEF Night of Lights:** Friday, April 20 from 6-9 PM at DO Campus for a \$10 donation.

- **Recruiting:** May have a recruit for VP for PAT. Need to continue to seek volunteers for other positions. Looking for President, VP for Preschool, 1 Treasurer, and Secretary.
- **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.
 - **Website/Facebook Calendar:** need someone to take this on could be a great job for someone who can't make meetings
- **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.
- **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.
- **New PTA Pamphlet:** with new membership due amount -- need someone to take on designing a new newsletter.
- **Yearbook Update:** Going to print!! Considering other ideas for yearbook since it is so time consuming compared to the value of the final product for families. The \$10 will still bill through ParentVue through next year. Yearbook editor could scale candid photos way back.
- **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)

No Update

Vice President of PAT Report: Michaela Burke

No Update

Treasurer Report: Jessica Swaters and Rachel Johnson

- **Membership** payments received after April 1 are assumed to apply to next school year.
 - Website PayPal amount needs to be changed to \$25
- **Budget** is looking good so far with any overages covered by other areas that have come under budget.
- **End of Year Celebration:** Confirmed a bus, tractor, fire truck, and police vehicles. Still confirming a garbage truck, construction vehicles, etc. Jessica is confirming food options. Will giveaway books.

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- **New PTA T-Shirts:** They have been designed, just waiting for the official launch. Determined to go forward with the sale on the shirts. Jessica will work out the details, but would be desirable to have board members have shirts by the time of the Spring Celebration. That is not likely to be possible due to minimum purchases.
 - Jessica moved that we allocate up to \$250 toward the purchase of shirts for board members. Kendall seconded. Motion carried.
 - **Kindermusik Events:** Agreement to sponsor “field trips” to HLC. Going to look at M-Th afternoon in June.

Secretary Report:

- Kendall Burr volunteered to take notes tonight due to technical difficulties :-)
- **Hilltop Appreciation Week:** has some donations already and working on more. Will order luncheon, and waiting on confirmation for Sonic.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:02 pm

Next meeting is Monday, May 7 at 6:30 in the Welcome Center