



PTO Executive Committee Board Meeting

April 6, 2022

Attendees: Beth Carmody (Principal), Nissa Cox (President), Sara Dahlstrom (Past President), Anne Babick (Vice President), Anna Anderson (Treasurer), Elke Rehbock (Assistant Treasurer), Amy Kay (Communications), Michelle Cullen (Assistant Communications), Jessica Newell (Secretary)

Call to order at 9:14 am.

AGENDA:

Past President/Nominating Committee Chair (Sara Dahlstrom)

Vote on 2022/2023 Hubbard Woods School PTO Executive Board - *all approved unanimously.*

President- Anne Babick | Vice President - Jessalyn Garvey

Treasurer - Elke Rehbock | Assistant Treasurer- Amy Sullivan

Communications - Michelle Cullen | Assistant Communications - Lyanna Berkowitz

Secretary - Lesley Stump

President (Nissa Cox)

Updates/Gratitude:

Lunch Program - Central PTO has looked into centralizing all 4 schools to one lunch program. (3 elementary schools and Skokie. Washburne has a kitchen and separate lunch program.) Hubbard Woods is strongly encouraged to align with the four other schools that use Marlas Lunch. We are in agreement to cut ties with Kiddo's and move over to Marla's.

T/S Appreciation Week - Beth suggested that next year the raffle might be divided by staff departments so that the spread is more equal across staff. Idea to have baskets be more equitable/similar. This year we brought in a lot of cash so we are going to plan another luncheon and treat for the teachers for early May.

Coming Up:

Earth Week: April 18-22 - Washburne kids are spearheading the initiative and we will partner with them. Mary Anne Ryadi is working with the Shedd Aquarium to possibly get a representative to come to HW to talk to our kids about something earth/environment related.

Yearbook: payment deadline 4/22 - Yearbook committee will send out an email to people who have not purchased a yearbook to confirm they do not want them. A gentle nudge to get people to buy them.

World Travelers: May 2-6, Indonesia with Balach Family

Principal (Beth Carmody)

Looking into bringing a therapy/ESA dog into the school. Will work with Jess Newell/D36 on paperwork. Camp Edwards - 5/13. New "sleepunder" format. Leaving at 8am, returning at 9pm.

Field Day Snacks - Ashley doesn't think we can offer snacks but will ask the Central PTO. We will come up with an alternative to food.

Staffing issues - 4 teachers in the district were released but there's hope that they will be hired back. This is all due to class sizing at this point in time.

4th grade leadership opportunities have been going well. Feedback is generally positive. We're happy with the new program.

Teacher Representative (Gary Wendt)

We would like to add 2 stools to our new desk so the kids have a place to sit.

Staff have been dedicating time to strengthen the staff adult community.

Spring Sing, now the Spring Arts Festival, taking place on Wednesday, June 1 from 5:30-7:30pm. We think it will take 2 hours for all of the kids' ideas to be presented in a way everyone can experience should they choose. Kids are planning their themes and presentation ideas right now. Once we have these nailed down this week we will have a better understanding of timing and placement outside. Then we'll know what we need help with. May need some parent "ambassadors" to help people find the various areas of performances and galleries.

Secretary (Jessica Newell)

March Minutes: first: Elke second: Anne

Mayfest Update - everything moving along well. Inflatables and gaming truck are secured. Uber Eats has committed to \$500 sponsorship of food - ordering from Costco this year (food is basically written off entirely with the sponsorship!) First email about event going out on 4/7 with raffle signup genius link, as well as link to donate money to raffle.

Vice President (Anne Babick)

Grounds Update: Beth is organizing a small group of teachers to begin discussions about the upper playground. This will be a 1+ year process, so just beginning.

Room Parents – add reminder dates listed in Item, especially no Kiddos lunch reminder. Mayfest RP email to go out soon.

Field Day - Beth will arrange for 2 bouncy houses in the gym in the event that Field Day is rained out. This does not come from PTO funds.

Treasurers (Anna Anderson & Elke Rehbock)

2022/2023 Budget will be presented for a vote at next month's meeting.

Upcoming Payments: Mayfest, 4th Grade Farewell

Communications (Amy Kay & Michelle Cullen)

April: Mayfest blast 4/7, Yearbook and World Travelers will be included in The Item.

Meeting adjourned 11:15am

Next School Board Meeting: Tuesday, April 26th (Anne)

Next Exec Meeting: Wednesday, May 4th (Anne)