



PTO General Meeting

Minutes

Location: Clarendon Hills Park District

November 16, 2022

9:00am

Principal: Dr. Levi Brown

Executive Board Co-Presidents: Susan Blumberg-Kason & Jenny Driscoll

Executive Board Treasurer & Assistant: Elaine Gilman

Executive Board Vice-President of Communications: Genia Rackos

Secretary: Lindsey Patel

1. Call to Order, Board Introductions & Welcome: 9:00am
2. Approval of the May 22, 2022 Meeting Minutes - **Motion, Second. Approved.**
3. Living Classroom Update-
 - a. Phase 1 Complete - *Mature trees planted. Was put to use immediately. Hotspot available. Teachers are using and happy to be outside.*
 - b. Phase 2 Plan - *Build out NE portion paths, seating, plants, trees. Cost: \$32,315. Rec: to publicize/promote to build awareness. Include benefits of outdoor green spaces. Will be utilized for 6th grade science curriculum. Apply for Monarch Waystation.*
4. Principal Update from Dr. Brown
 - a. Kindness cards- *PTO created and donated, staff members pass out 1 card a week. Cards can be exchanged at lunch for \$1 treat. Began on Unity Day with purpose to catch kids being kind.*
 - b. MAP Testing results & growth- *All grades in both reading & math, the rate of growth lowest area was 55%. Target is 50% of students meeting/exceeding is good. CHMS qualifies as both high-proficiency and high-growth. Feedback: Would like more details about score results, growth goals etc. Parents can view "week at a glance" and print to have an idea of what is coming up each week.*
 - c. Drop-off/Pick-up procedures - *Lines need to keep moving.*
5. Fundraiser Results-
 - a. Raised \$25,521 to cover operating budget and year expenses. Target was \$25,000.



- b. Feedback: Would love to do an in person event. Those seem to be more profitable for fundraising. Maybe a mid-winter event to fundraise for a living classroom.

6. Survey Results

- a. Where would you like to see PTO invest this year: student activities/clubs, technology, living classroom, building & facilities.
- b. Write-in responses: *theater/choir (\$1500 each year), department needs (\$3500 allocated for each grade), sister school (new this year), outdoor basketballs, SELAS speaker*

7. Budget Review

- a. Move \$800 from Newcomer to PTO contingency. **Motion, Seconded, Approved.**

8. Committee Accomplishments

- a. School kits
- b. Back to school day
- c. Staff Appreciation
- d. Newcomer
- e. Spirit wear
- f. Directory - *Review process of who was included and on email list.*
- g. Community PArtners
- h. Eagle Cafe/Spirit Lunch
- i. Bricks (now with year end installation)

9. Upcoming Committee Activities

- a. Fall Book Fair (11/15-22)
- b. Season's Gift
- c. Sister school book drive
- d. Pack the Place Basketball game (1/18)
- e. Fortnightly (1/20-3/10)
- f. Chicago Wolves game/St. Patrick's Day(3/19)
- g. Pizza Wars (4/20)



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10. Guest Speaker: Kim Anderso, Spotlight College Advising
11. Meeting adjourned