

HOME & SCHOOL

Mill Street Elementary School

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Parent Association and Board Meeting Agenda

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

Meeting started at 7:01 p.m. Participants: Kate Connolly, Mariya Ivanova, Ginny Wehrli-Hemmeter, Susan Stellmacher, Cindy Smucker, Maureen Matuszewski, Daneen Van Hyning, Erin Bennouna, Carly Nguyen, Kelly O'Malley, Audrey Brodrick, Noor Hasan, Aolion Doxie, Anastasia Akrivos, Lori Hoyer, Sarah Alaimo, Dani Bourgeois, Amy Swiatek, Sue Salness

Guest Speaker: Rakeda A. Leaks, ED.D.

Dr. Leaks is the Naperville 203 Executive Director of Diversity and Inclusion. She spoke to the importance of trust and building relationships within our schools and community. Dr. Leaks has taken on a number of D&I actions such as: a listening and learning tour, facilitating internal and external D&I sessions/workshops, collaborating with teachers, and maintaining District 203 D&I social media platforms. She is also the leader of the Naperville 203 Diversity Advisory Committee.

Dr. Leaks is currently addressing issues including the District 203 diversity commitment, focus areas and assessing short term and long-term goals. Dr. Leaks is partnering with H&S to look at how we function and how we can improve in terms of diversity and inclusion.

Principal's Report- Mrs. Salness

Recent staff learning programs have covered trauma informed practices and culturally responsive practices. One such program is Alexs Pate's Innocent Classroom. <http://innocentclassroom.com/>

Pending BOE approval, Mill St. will be one of four District 203 schools piloting a new breakfast program by Aramark which will run February to May 2019. There will be two carts in the school between 8:00-8:30 a.m. where students can purchase items using their school lunch card. There will be no charge for students who qualify for the free and reduced lunch program. Benefits to students that eat breakfast include: better focus, increased test scores and less disciplinary problems.

One Book One School will be launched with a kick-off event on February 11th. OBOS will be school centered this year with a reading calendar for home and regular tie ins to morning announcements and teacher lead language arts activities. The culminating event will be held in school sometime in March.

Alice Training: Mrs. Salness and Mrs. Moores completed training over winter break and are now certified to train the Mill St. teachers and staff. This approach to a lockdown crisis situation empowers the adults to aid evacuations, barricade an area and counter attack to reduce injuries.

Outdoor Classroom Wishlist items are being requested at the Adult Social. Details to be worked out before the event. There will also be a request for parent and community volunteers for the Outdoor Classroom space.

Staffing: We welcome Yvette Almaraz as the new EL teacher. Continue the search for full time 5th grade Dual Language teacher and Structured Learning Assistant. Melody Ganesan will be going on maternity leave. Upcoming retirements include Deb Shea and Sue Leesley.

Secretary's Report- Kate Connolly

Approve minutes from November 13, 2018 meeting. C.S. made the motion to approve. K.O. made the 2nd motion. The minutes are approved.

The H&S Executive Board is searching to fill the positions of Co-President, Treasurer and Secretary for the 2019-20 school year. If you are interested, please email Carly Nguyen.

Treasurer's Report- Amy Swiatek

The account balance as of January 15, 2019 was reported as \$29, 220.72.

Approve the December 2018 General Ledger and Profit and Loss Report. D.V. made the motion to approve. K.O. made the 2nd motion. The December 2018 General Ledger and Profit and Loss Report are approved.

Vice President's Report- Carly Nguyen

SFCP would like to thank everyone who participated in Candy Cane Caring in December. We raised \$1,513.56 which will go to Mill St. families in need. Also, thank you to St. Timothy's and the Schmidt family for their help with MS Backpacks over the winter holiday.

Plant Sale is finalizing plans for flowers to purchase this spring.

Science Club will meet on February 6th and hosted by Nalco-Science is Fun! Science Club is run by parent volunteers, please use the link in the Mustang Minute if you are interested in helping.

Committee Chairs, please email Carly to inform her if you are returning to your current committee. Thank you!

President's Report- Dani Bourgeois and Sarah Alaimo

There is a time change for the next General H&S Meeting. The new time is March 12th at 1:30 p.m. in MPR.

Save the Date - NEF's Annual Building a Passion Breakfast is March 20th at 7a.m.

Yearbook Online Order Deadline Extended to January 31.

<http://www.balfour.com/shop/yearbook?smi=22223>

Box Tops Collection will take place February 4th through the 8th.

Movie Night Grades 3-5 (siblings welcome) March 8th at 6p.m.

Committee Reports

JJHS Home & School is looking for help! We are preparing for next school year and would like to announce that the following positions will be open:

President, Vice President, Secretary, Nominations Co-chair, Directory, Health & Safety, SFCP (2 co-chairs), Patriot connections Co-chair and Magazine Chair.

If you are interested in any of the open positions for next year, please contact **Daneen Van Hyning** at dvanhyning731@yahoo.com

Student Services

Classroom Party Coordinator- Jeff Kocourek

The Valentine's Day Classroom Party will be on Wednesday, February 13th at 1:45 p.m. Please look for a Sign-up Genius coming soon.

School Events

Appreciation- Daneen Van Hyning and Maureen Matuszewski

In March we will honor speech and occupational therapists with coffee gift card and DeEtta's cookie! In April we will treat the Principal and Assistant Principal with a special lunch delivered as well as give an appreciation lunch to the Administration Assistants.

Fundraising

Book Fair- Erin Bennouna

Our fall Book Fair raised over \$3,000 for H&S. The spring book fair will take place February 12th-15th in the MPR. Volunteers will be needed for set-up, sales, student previews and break-down. Your help is greatly appreciated.

Adult Social- Susan Stellmacher and Ginny Wehrli-Hemmeter

We have over 80 auction items to bid on, some new and some old favorites. We are looking for sponsors, please spread the word. Tickets sales are going well. If you cannot attend, please participate by using the auction link to bid on items online.

<https://www.charityauctionstoday.com/t/mill-street-school-76fadf2473>

We will be asking for volunteers the day of the event as well as the week of the event.

Adjourn 8:35 p.m.

Submitted: Kate Connolly