

2012-2013 Ivy Hill PTA Board and General Meeting

Date: Tuesday, September 11, 2012

Attendance: 75

Call to Order:

President Cassy Mrowicki called the March meeting of the 2012-2013 Ivy Hill PTA to order at 7:18 pm.

Explanation of Routed Materials:

The Committee Hours list was routed for updating.

A board list was routed for members to check phone numbers and emails.

Secretary's Report:

Minutes and Correspondence

- An explanation was given to all members about signing in, guest sign in procedures and name cards.
- It has been decided that birthdays will no longer be read at meetings.

Special Guest: Officer Aiello introduced himself. He is the officer liason for several schools in District 25 and District 21. He does about 100-150 presentations a year on things like facebook. Please contact him with any questions or concerns.

Presidents' Report:

Presidents Denise Schreiner and Cassy Mrowicki stated the following:

-All committees were asked to confirm that they have received binders and committee information.

-If a committee feels it may go over budget they are instructed to talk to the co-presidents.

-All contracts must be signed by Denise Schreiner.

-Regarding PTA communications:

- PTA logo must be on all items
- Please copy Piper and Ginny on all correspondence that will be distributed
- Cc: Cassy and Denise on anything you send Kara to distribute by email
- Allow 2-3 days for office to distribute printed materials to classes
- Cassy and Denise should be informed about any major decisions being made in committees. Their approval is needed.

-PTA closet- please pick up presentation boards. This closet is located near the south end of the gym. There is no room for the presentation boards. It is the old curtain closet. The key is needed to turn the light on. It is hanging by the outside light switch right outside the door. Hopefully some shelves will be installed.

• Treasurer Report: Treasurer, Helen Tsiftilis stated the following:

The 2011-2012 books were audited. Tracy Van Hoy asked if someone could make a motion to approve the audit report. Laurie Witt made the motion to approve the 2011-2012 audit. It was seconded by Monica Barba and approved. Furthermore, a motion was made by Tracy Van Hoy to approve the 2012-2013 budget. The motion was seconded by Chris O'Doherty and approved. Helen sent out voucher forms and tax exempt forms to be used by all committee members. These forms can also be found on the PTA website and in the PTA folder in the school office. An additional motion was made by Chris O'Doherty to approve the Year End Financial Report. It was seconded by Nikki Wolverton and approved.

Executive Committee Reports

1st Vice President

Louann Benbow reported that updated procedure guides will be available online. Karen McCabe will put them on the website to download. Bylaws and procedure guides should be kept in your binder. Friday packet insertions MUST be into Louann by Wednesday @ noon. All attachments (permission slips, volunteer forms, etc.) should be sent to Denise, Cassy and Piper for approval.

2nd Vice President

Betsy Hadley explained the routed materials and how she keeps track of committee volunteer hours. Each member also has a "master" volunteer sheet where all years of service are recorded. Betsy will distribute these to the members.

3rd Vice Presidents

Colleen Wytmar and Carla Kim stated the following:

The Spirit Wear fundraiser is underway and order forms are due on September 21st. Items are on display in the commons.

Dining for Dollars has been very successful and will be taking place each month again this year. The first Dining for Dollars will be held at Nino's pizza in Buffalo Grove. Please bring the flyer with you when you purchase your food. Additional flyers can be printed from the website because anyone can use them and earn money for our PTA.

Market Day will take place each month this year. Try to order your items online.

Standing Committee Reports:

A brief summary was given by each committee to introduce all members to the purpose of each committee.

It was noted the Everybody Counts will begin the week of October 15th.

The structure of Art Awareness has significantly changed.

Principal's Report: Principal Piper Boston stated the following:

Thank to everyone for a great start to the school year. Please remember that the start and end of the day and lunchtime are the busiest times of day for the office. Please sign in each time you enter the school building. Principal Boston stated that there are currently 490 students attending Ivy Hill, with 23 class sections and staff ranging from 1-40 years of experience. She went over the general results of the ISAT tests which were administered last spring. For third grade 95% of students met or exceeded expectations in reading and 97% did for math. For fourth grade, 95% of students met or exceeded expectations in reading, 96% for math and 96% for science. For fifth grade, 96% met or exceeded expectations in reading and 96% for math. She also discussed the common core standards which involve, fewer, clearer and higher standards, 21st century skills, evidence based learning, nonfiction reading, student inquiry, research and communication. She also discussed the use of flipped classrooms, exploring new technologies such as IPADS for independent learning paths.

Friday, September 15th will be International Dot Day. This theme is related to a book and the idea that all children matter and they will make their own mark in different and extraordinary ways.

As far as school improvement goals, Ivy Hill staff will be looking at assessment practices. You will hear the catchphrase "Who owns the learning?" We want our students to make their own meaning. The new science curriculum directly relates to this idea as it encompasses the inquiry method of learning.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business/Announcements:

●2012-2013 Meeting Dates

Wednesday, 10/3, Tuesday, 11/13, NO DECEMBER MEETING, Tuesday, 1/8, Wednesday, 2/6, Tuesday, 3/5, Tuesday, 5/7 (Old), Tuesday, 5/21 (New)

Meeting was adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

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Respectfully submitted,

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Kara Janus, Secretary