

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes August 29, 2022



Call to Order Time: 6:28pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Hay Hegland Huston Becker McDonald

PTO 101 Presentation- Hayley Hegland

Hayley gave a presentation on what a PTO is. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization and we follow the by-laws and rules that follow. A few topics from the presentation included, what the PTO provides for Echo Hill, how we get the funds for the activities we put together, who is on the PTO board and what their roles are, ways that you can help the PTO, a list of activities that we provide throughout the school year, fundraising for the PTO, etc. At the end of the presentation, she addressed any questions anyone may have had.

General Business

- **Treasurer's Report-** Abby Huston

There have been 2 stipends that have been processed so far. A reminder to teachers to please fill out the form and send it (along with the receipt) to Abby and she will reimburse you. The PTO received a check for \$323.96 from TreeRing for the yearbook sale in the spring of 2022.

- **Teacher Stipend Adjustment-** Hayley Hegland

At the end of last school year, the teacher stipend budget was set for \$3,500 to give each certified teacher in the building \$100 to use towards items for their classroom/students. Over the summer there were 2 staff added. Hayley motioned to increase this budget to \$3,700 to account for the 2 new teachers to receive their stipends. Becky Garms seconded the motion. Hayley opened it up for discussion and CJ let everyone know who the 2 new teachers were and who would qualify as certified teachers to receive this money. All were in favor of the increased budget and the motion was passed.

Principal's School Update - C.J. McDonald

The past two years the school has received approximately \$1,300 in Hyvee gift cards (from the Hyvee receipts turned in) to use for teacher lunches/special treats, etc. They are also looking to see how they may be able to use this money for students this year as well. There are currently over 500 students enrolled at Echo Hill. CJ thanked the hospitality committee/PTO for providing the breakfast last Friday. It was appreciated by the staff immensely. He thanked the volunteers

for providing a volunteer workshop at Echo Hill throughout the year. The staff really appreciate being able to take some projects off of their plates and be given that date and time each month helps with planning. Thank you to all of the volunteers that make that happen. There is a lot of new curriculum being rolled out this year in the district for reading/literacy, language arts and math. Teachers may need more help at these workshops to get all of the new materials ready. With the IT issues and the computers being down, it was definitely not the start to the school year that was anticipated. CJ was proud of his staff and for IT for handling it with patience as they have navigated through a difficult time. Currently the wifi is still not back 100%, the teachers are not able to print anything at this time, and the student computer login process is going to be different, so there is still work being done to get everything back up and running at full capacity.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Carrie Hay, Kira Cannon and Kim Graulein

Carrie Hay (previous volunteer coordinator) introduced Kira and Kim (the new co-volunteer coordinators for Echo Hill) to the group.

The first volunteer workshop will be on Monday, September 12th from 9:15-10:45.

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

Hospitality/PTO provided breakfast to the staff last Friday to welcome them back to the school year. Donutland donuts, Starbucks coffee, fruit and juice provided. The staff were very thankful for the PTO's generosity.

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

The yearbook link for this school year is up and running. You may visit the Echo Hill website <https://www.echohillpto.com/yearbook> to purchase. There is an early bird discount of 10% off for orders placed by September 30th.

Homecoming Parade- Sarah Fridono

The homecoming parade this year will take place on September 21st. There was a sign up sheet that was passed around to volunteer to help Sarah work on the float. If you are interested in helping please email the PTO at echohillpto@yahoo.com

Dash for Cash- Hayley Hegland

Dash for Cash is the one big fundraiser held at Echo Hill each year. It is where 90% of

the PTO's budget comes from, which funds the stipends, teacher requests, and all PTO activities throughout the year. On the day of Dash for Cash, the students get to dress up as superheroes and complete an obstacle course during their specials (art, pe, guidance, library, music) time. It is a fun day, had by all! This year's Dash for Cash will be on September 30th. Rain date: October 7. We will need volunteers to help before, during and after this event. Look for more information to come!

Apparel Sale- Hayley Hegland

The apparel sale is usually held in September before Homecoming week; however, with homecoming being the middle of September this year, the PTO has moved the apparel sale to October. Please look for the Echo Hill apparel information coming soon.

***General Updates/Discussion**

Questions

Where is the best place to find information and updates on PTO events? Echo Hill families of Iowa page on Facebook as well as our website at <https://www.echohillpto.com>

Next Meeting: September 19, 2022, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:28p.m.

Aug. 29, 2022 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Jessica Becker	Carrie Hay
Becky Garms	Amy Stouffer	Abby Huston
Molly Mulholland	Sarah Fridono	CJ McDonald
Steph Hawk	Teresa Janda	Kira Cannon
Kim Graulein	Alex Hierl	Carly McMannus
Noelle Wittkop	Kristen Wyckoff	Disa Awah
Rudy Rodriguez	Martha Garcia-Wegener	