

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	

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes September 19, 2022



Call to Order Time: 6:30 pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Lough Hegland Huston Becker McDonald

Dash for Cash update- Hayley Hegland

We are currently going through fundraising for Dash for Cash. The money we raise makes up 80-90% of the budget, which ultimately allows us to provide family events, teacher stipends, etc. The fundraiser will last from 9/13-9/30 and will culminate with the Dash for Cash obstacle course which is scheduled for Friday, September 30th (rain makeup day scheduled for Friday, October 7th).

On Dash for Cash day the students will run the superhero-themed course during their specials time. They will run the course for about 40 minutes and then spend 20 minutes eating snacks, resting, and doing chalk. Kids are encouraged to dress up. This can be a basic DIY or store-bought superhero t-shirt or a whole outfit/costume. An email will go out to the staff to remind the kids to bring their water bottles to the event. We will have a jug of water for kids who do forget. Granola Bars were donated by Tracy Whitford (local realtor), and fruit snacks will be available for students with allergies.

Abby Huston gave an update on where we are at with our Dash for Cash fundraising. Give Butter as of 9/15, was at \$3,120. Cash and Checks were at \$1,285. So the total right now is \$4,405. Our goal for this is \$12,000.

General Business

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

As of today we have received 11 teacher stipends (has cut checks for 9 of them). Received 3 sponsorships (2 for trunk or treat- \$250 for each of those for a total of \$500). And one for bingo night for \$250. We are still waiting on the check for one of the sponsorships to arrive.

On September 1st, we received an Amazon smile deposit of \$185.25

We have paid out open house expenses and hospitality expenses.

Principal's School Update - C.J. McDonald

ALICE walk happened on Monday, September 19th. The drill is held by first reading the kids

an ALICE book about intruders. They then line up outside and walk to Lowe Park and find their spot. This is a 1.83-mile loop. Preschoolers do not participate in the walk, but they will provide some information.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kira Cannon and Kim Graulein

Linn-Mar does have a new district volunteer coordinator, who is getting up and running. They are holding their workshop for new volunteers soon. If you are going to be working with students at all this workshop is incredibly important.

The next volunteer workshop at Echo Hill will be held Monday, October 10th.

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

Hospitality will be planning something for conferences in October. This is still in the works, however, we are thinking of doing a breakfast event, lunch, and hopefully a whole dinner for staff. To supplement what the PTO will be providing, we will be doing a sign-up genius for extra donations during conference times.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder Pierce

We are currently at \$24,900 for Hyvee Receipts collected. We get \$1 for every \$200 in receipts. We have a new PTO volunteer assisting Amanda in counting receipts (Noelle Whitkop). Thank you, Noelle!

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

We have Sold 70 books already. Books are currently 10% off until September 30th. We did have to add 2 pages because we have 5 kindergartens this year so that made the price go up a little bit.

Echo Hill PTO receives \$1.40 back for each yearbook. Extra yearbooks are earned through sales and get distributed to kids who need one and the library.

Dine Out at Barrel House- Curran

Dine out will be at the Barrel House on Tuesday, 9/30 from 5-9 pm in Marion. Barrel House

will be giving 10% of all sales back to Echo Hill. This offer is for both dine-in and carryout.

Homecoming Parade- Sarah Fridono

The theme of the homecoming float this year is ‘roast the j-hawks’. There is a camping theme, a fire ring, hay bails, and roasting marshmallows. The last work session is Tuesday night, 9/20, from 5-7 pm. We will be putting on the finishing touches. If anyone wants to walk in the parade meet Wednesday in the High school parking lot. Parents must walk with their kids if they are walking in the parade!

Fall Festival @ Bart’s Farm- Curran

We are hoping to host an event at Bart’s Farm in October. Bart’s Farm is owned by a Linn-Mar family, so is a great way to give back to a family in our community. We are still working out the details. However, looking to hold this event on Wednesday, October 12th from 4-7 pm.

Apparel Sale- Amanda

The apparel sale has been moved to 10/3-10/21. All online and pickup/delivery will be right before Thanksgiving break.

***General Updates/Discussion**

Questions

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Next Meeting: October 17, 2022, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:10 p.m.

Sept. 19, 2022 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Amy Stouffer	Amanda Snyder	Noelle Wittkop
Jessica Becker	Heather Lough	Hayley Hegland
CJ McDonald	Kristin Wycokoff	Abby Huston

Carly McMannus	Molly Mulholland	Becky Garms
Alex Then	Curran Lipsett	

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes October 17, 2022



Call to Order Time: 6:32pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Lough Hegland Huston Hay

Dash for Cash review- Hayley Hegland

The Dash for Cash event was a great day and was an amazing fundraiser for Echo Hill. This year we removed the bean bags activity as well as the scooters activity, to help volunteers running the event. The two climbing walls and limbo activities were added in their place instead. After discussing with several board members that were present for the event on the budget, Hayley purchased some wood to modify the climbing walls, to make them easier for kids to climb. Chalk was added this year at the end of the obstacle course running, while kids were eating their snacks/water, resting and waiting for their teachers to pick them up. Preschool a.m. and p.m. classes were able to attend this year. Snacks were provided by Tracy Whitford (Pinnacle Realty). Thank you so much Tracy! Mrs. Hopkins graciously made a video capturing the fun day. Thank you to Mrs. Hopkins! Hayley asked if there were any suggestions for next year. One suggested how to make the snack and water table more organized, so there weren't so many children at the table at a time. Maybe having posted stations up (ex. Yellow square, red circle, etc), so each class has a designated spot, then calling the class up by station.

The Dash for Cash fundraiser was greatly successful in funds. Our goal was to raise \$12,000 to support our teachers and school and we raised \$17,429.95 to date! Way to go Echo Hill families! Abby Huston reported that we had \$5,615 given in cash /check. \$10,794.95 was donated through our Give Butter site. This was the first year using Give Butter and we have received good feedback using this site. With most online donations there is always a fee that is applied. 96% of those that paid online waived this fee for their donations, so we only had to pay Give Butter \$20.05, which was a significant decrease from previous years. Thank you so much families for helping give Echo Hill every cent of your intended donation! Also, Give Butter automatically sends out letters for tax deduction purposes, which takes this responsibility off of the treasurer. We have had \$1,020 received so far in company matches, so thank you to all of those that submitted for that. Thank you to Amy Stouffer for the marketing flyers and online marketing she did to help promote awareness and what this event/fundraiser provides for our school. A suggestion for the future is to possibly inform parents on the process of how different local companies go about submitting matching donations. One suggested that asking if the company is okay with parents promoting this before anyone posts something to social media would be a good idea.

Trunk or Treat Update- Hayley Hegland on behalf of Jessica Becker

Trunk or treat will be held on Sunday October 30th from 2:00-3:30 in the school bus loop. We currently have 15 trunks and we would ideally like to have 20 trunks to make the event a bit more spread out and fun for the kids attending. If anyone is interested, please sign up on our website at echohillpto.com. Candy will be provided for this event, so no need to bring your own. We had two Echo Hill family owned businesses donate to provide the candy. Thank you to 'Siamville Thai Cuisine' and to 'Just Make Music' for sponsoring this event. We will be using some of the money donated for this event to provide some games/items for drawings. Previously this event was held on a Friday night for 1 hour. With it being on a Sunday (and not fearing it being too dark), it has been extended to 1.5 hours. The deadline to sign up for a trunk will be this Wednesday Oct. 19th. Last year you were to check in and put your name in for a raffle prize when you arrived. This year, you can put your name in at the end, so there won't be a backup of people waiting at the table(s). We are looking for a few volunteers that may help run the table during this event. If interested please contact the PTO at echohillpto@yahoo.com

General Business

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

Abby has been collecting teacher stipends and reimbursing these teachers. She has processed 15/22 so far. The expenses for Dash for Cash were \$539.37. The budget was originally \$500, but due to the wood materials being bought to help with the climbing walls, it pushed it slightly over. This switch was approved by the board members present at the event. Abby has been processing reimbursement checks for other events such as trunk or treat, family bingo night, and homecoming. Everything so far is within the budgets allotted for these events. She has also been sending receipts to those that donated to Dash for Cash with a check/cash.

Principal's School Update -

CJ was unable to attend this meeting and didn't have any updates to provide for this month.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators -

Kira or Kim were not able to attend this meeting and no messages from them at this time. One mentioned that more hands are needed for the monthly workshops. If you are flexible on a Monday and are willing to help, please join them. The next Workshop date is November 14

from 9:15-10:45. Please see their weekly emails for upcoming volunteer opportunities.

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

It is conference week at Echo Hill and Molly is planning delicious treats/food for our teachers for staying late and meeting with parents. Thursday this week, she will be providing a popcorn bar for all of the staff during the day and Jimmy John sandwiches for those that will be there late that evening. Thank you to those that have donated the sides, beverages and desserts to accompany their sandwiches. Next Tuesday the teachers will be treated with pizza and breadsticks and perhaps a salad as well. Thank you for donating to these meals to show our thanks to our amazing Echo Hill staff!

Molly has also been delivering birthday treats to the staff. So far August and September birthday treats have been delivered. October birthday treats are going out this week. This year, she is providing them with Scooter cookies. Thank you Molly for spoiling our Echo Hill staff and for all of you for donating to our Dash for Cash to pay for these sweet treats and meals.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder Pierce

No updates on Hyvee receipts at this time. Please continue to collect these receipts and send them in with your child.

Community Fundraising- Curran Lipsett

Thank you to those that attended the Bart's Farm family event last week. Echo Hill received \$60 from your purchases made that afternoon. Echo Hill also received \$250 from the September Dine Out for Echo Hill night at Barrel House. There will likely be another restaurant night in November. Check our website for more information to come.

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Hayley on behalf of Jessica Becker

Please order your yearbook soon if you plan to get one. The school receives some extra yearbooks for children that may not be able to afford one. You may always go back and edit your customized pages later in the year if you wish to do so.

Apparel Sale-Amanda Snyder Pierce

She has received 154 orders so far. The store will be closing this Thursday Oct. 20th. Please place your order online if you wish to receive Echo Hill apparel this year.

Playground/Outdoor Enhancement- Hayley Hegland

With having a great financial fundraiser this year and having some funds left over from last school year, the PTO is looking to purchase new additions to our playground for kids. We are currently in the exploratory phase of discussing what kind of options we

would have with the school, district and insurance. This will be a lengthy process from start to finish, but we are very excited to start this process and see how we can get something added in the near future for the kids to enjoy.

***General Updates/Discussion**

* Reminder to those that have hosted an event. Please fill in an event sheet found on our website. This helps us plan for next year in what worked and what could be changed to make it work more efficiently in the future. Thank you!

* November Event Change- We are looking to do a drive for students to help families in need. Becky Garms is looking to do this around Thanksgiving time. Alex H. will be helping her with this event.

* If you are interested in hosting a family night in December, please reach out to our board. In the past, we have held family paint night during this month. This event is moved to February this year, so we are looking for ideas for December.

Questions

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Next Meeting: November 21, 2022, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:25p.m.

Oct. 17, 2022 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer Becky Garms	Noelle Wittkop
Alex Hierl	Kristen Wyckoff Amanda Snyder	Heather Lough
Abby Huston	Carrie Hay Sarah Fridono	Curran Lipsett
Molly Mulholland	Carly McMannus	

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes November 21, 2022



Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Lough Hegland Huston McDonald Becker

Treasurer's Report: Abby Huston

18 teacher stipends have been paid out. 19 are still outstanding. Current checks that have been cashed were \$274.52 from EPI and \$54.46 from Bart's Farm. The following have been paid out: \$789 to Trunk or Treat, \$284.17 to Homecoming and \$28.97 to America Reads (over budget by \$3.87).

Teacher Request: Hailee Hopkins \$251.40 for hand drums

Hayley Hegland motioned to discuss the request. Mrs. Hopkins purchased 12 smaller (10") hand drums for \$251.40. She attempted to apply for the Linn-Mar Foundation grant, but the funds were already allocated. This size drum will be better for all age students, the drums she has now are larger. Hayley Hegland motioned to approve, Heather Lough seconded the motion and all in attendance approved. Motion is granted.

Teacher Request: Tiffany Kinzenbaw \$453.56 for heart models

Hayley Hegland motioned to discuss the request. Wit and Wisdom literacy curriculum includes detailed text about the circulatory system. Heart models can be used by the entire 4th grade alongside the text. Request is for 13 models. Hayley Hegland motioned to approve the request, Heather Lough seconded the motion. All that were present approved, motion is granted.

School Request: CJ McDonald for \$300 for a leaf blower

Hayley Hegland motioned to discuss the request. Mr. McDonald discussed how the blower could be used for wood chips, leaves, debris on the playground blacktop as well as light snow. Abby Huston asked if this is electric or gas powered. Mr. McDonald responded gas powered because it is higher quality and more powerful. It will do a better job in multiple weather conditions. Cleaning the blacktop completely is important for safety. Hayley Hegland motioned to approve, Heather Lough seconded the motion. All in attendance approved, motion is granted.

Principal's School Update- Mr. McDonald

Everyone is preparing for winter/holiday parties. EH singers winter concert is approaching on Dec. 8th. Question from Hayley, What is the ETA on the TVs being activated? Mr. McDonald responded, unknown. He has requested it to be ASAP. Question from Hayley, Gym equipment

purchased by PTO was mounted too high/incorrect spot. What is the ETA on fixing it? Mr. McDonald answered the pegboard and 2 of the 3 pull up bars are still usable and are being utilized during PE class. Hayley requested photos of students using the equipment.

Trunk or Treat Review- Hayley Hegland and Jessica Becker

Approximately 700 attendees. \$788 worth of candy and small toys were given away from 23 trunks. Thank you to sponsors: Siamville and Just Make Music. This event would not have been possible without their support. \$60 spent on raffle prizes which gave a total of \$925.

December Activity Discussion 12/8- Hayley Hegland

In conjunction with Echo Hill Singers Winter Concert, PTO will host a cookie reception and book/game exchange. Book and game donations will be collected before and at the event. Any leftover books/games will be donated to Waypoint after the event. All EH families are welcome.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kira or Kim were not present, no updates at this time.

Hospitality - Molly was not able to make the meeting, Hayley gave an update.

Popcorn, Jimmy Johns, Pizza, and Salads were provided to staff for conferences. A future idea: provide wrapping paper for staff.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder Pierce

School receipt totals are over \$104,000 so far this year. Contest will continue for 1 more week. Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Garcia will determine when the winning class can hold their hot chocolate party in the cafeteria. PTO volunteers will attend the event if possible depending on the date.

Community Fundraising- Curran Lipsett was not present, Hayley gave an update.

12/6 Carlos O'Kelly's fundraiser, more details to come. Future EH night at the Roughriders is being planned, date TBD.

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

Reminder to get orders in.

Apparel Sale-Amanda Snyder Pierce

85 orders were delivered today. The total amount raised TBA.

Playground/Outdoor Enhancement Update- Hayley Hegland and Jessica Witt

There is approximately \$10,000 to spend. Options from Miracle Equipment have been submitted to Mr. McDonald and Mrs. Garcia for review. After school review, the options will be submitted to the district. Lead time is 4-6 months. Waiting for verification from the district regarding who will cover installation costs. More info to come.

***General Updates/Discussion**

* Reminder to those that have hosted an event. Please fill in an event sheet found on our website. This helps us plan for next year in what worked and what could be changed to make it work more efficiently in the future. Thank you!

* Amy Stouffer reported that PTO has store credit at Office Max. It will be used for laminating sheets for January Bingo night.

* Mrs. Kinzenbaw asked the question, what is the difference between stipends/teacher requests/school requests? Hayley H. responded, stipends are for a teacher's individual classroom. Teacher or school requests are above and beyond the stipends. With Requests, PTO prefers to purchase things that can be used by more than 1 classroom. PTO does not purchase items the district will provide, Mr. McDonald reviews requests to help with this. If a teacher leaves or the curriculum changes, the items belong to the school and will be used where needed.

Questions

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Next Meeting: January 16, 2023 6:30 pm There is no school that day, may be a virtual meeting (TBD).

Adjourned Time: 7:35p.m.

Nov. 21, 2022 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer	Jessica Becker
Noelle Wittkop	Jessica Witt	Heather Lough
Tiffany Kinzenbaw	Amanda Snyder Pierce	CJ McDonald

Abby Huston		

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes January 16, 2023

Zoom meeting



Call to Order Time: 6:32pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Lough Hegland Huston Hay

Treasurer's Report- Abby Huston

- 14 stipends for teachers are left to go out. If you haven't already turned in your receipts for this, please do so.
- We have \$2,020.75 left in the teacher requested budget for the year. We have had 3 requests so far this year. If teachers have a request they would like for their students, please reach out to us.
- We received a check for \$93.80 for box tops. Thank you for supporting the PTO by scanning your box top receipts.
- We have received \$1,400 in matching donations from Dash for Cash. Thank you for submitting this to your company(s).
- We have received \$224 from Amazon. Thank you for choosing Echo Hill as your charitable donation destination.
- Taxes have been filed as of 1/16/23 and that cost was \$40.
- Other checks that have gone out are: Hyvee receipt cocoa party, hospitality, winter social, and dash for cash expenses

Teacher Request- Katie Merulla

Mrs. Merulla is our librarian at Echo Hill and she is seeking \$415.87 for mesh zipper pouches for library books for grades Kindergarten, First Grade and Second Grade. Since Covid, with students having more water bottles in the classrooms, water damage to books has become an increasing problem. Sometimes the parent replaces them, but a lot of times they go unnoticed and then later mold is found inside the books. To help alleviate this problem and to save the books, Mrs. Merulla is looking into mesh zipper pouches that are waterproof for the kids to place their library books into for checkout and are returned in these bags as well. Each student will have their own bag in these three given grades. If this is successful and the problem decreases, she will look to add Third Grade and Fourth Grade as well in the future. At this point it is happening more often in the K, 1, and 2 grades, therefore, starting with those classes first. The hope is they will last for a few years, before they need to be replaced. Hayley motioned the requested money, Heather Lough seconded the request and all that were present were in agreement. Motion is passed and Heather F. in the front office will get them ordered and PTO

will reimburse payment. Thank you for reaching out to us Mrs. Merulla and we hope these help.

Playground/Outdoor Enhancement Update- Hayley Hegland

Hayley, Jessica Becker and Jessica Witt have been working diligently on getting approval for the new playground/outdoor equipment for Echo Hill. Discussions with CJ, Teresa Garcia, and the district on insurance, space, what could be approved or not have been taking place for months.. Below is the proposed:

1. Replace the current tetherball poles (that are broken), with 2 fun tunnels. Either 2 of the same or 2 different kinds of fun tunnels.
2. Replace the current balance climbing pieces with oversized climbing jacks.
3. Replace the current skateboard balance board (which is broken) with a teeter totter.

The current equipment has been in place since 2008 and has a lot of wear and tear and is breaking. Hayley is requesting a line item to be put into the budget for \$11,000 to cover the cost of this equipment. This money is already in our account and will not be pulled from any other budgeted items or teacher requests.

Hayley motioned for the request, Jessica Becker seconded the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was granted. Abby Huston our treasurer will make the line item present in our budget, so once final approval has been made by the district and administration, Hayley can make the purchase. Thank you to Hayley, Jess. B. and Jess. W. for all of your hard work on planning this and attending meetings to help better our playground at Echo Hill!

Principal's School Update - CJ McDonald

Today teachers had a professional development day and tomorrow teachers will be working on report cards. These will be out to parents on Monday January 23rd. Illness peaked at Echo Hill before holiday break, but has been better since returning this month. The first week back was crazy with the weather, but teachers and students are now in a groove with a consistent work week routine.

Book and Game Swap- Winter Social Review- Hayley Hegland

This social event took place in December. The PTO collected used books and games from Echo Hill families leading up to the December 6th date. We had a great turnout of donations that took up 3 large tables in the cafeteria. The social took place after the 4th grade Echo Hill Singer performance. There were cookies and drinks available and people could take a book(s) and/or games with them home. It was well attended and lots of positive feedback to our PTO for putting this together. This will be something we will look at doing again in the future. After the evening, all items left were put into the teacher's lounge for staff to look through and take what they would want for their classrooms. After a week, all items were donated to the Catherine McAuley Center Life Program. Thank you so much to everyone that donated items for this and for all that attended.

January Activity: Family Bingo (1/27/23 @ 6:30pm)- Hayley Hegland, Jessica Becker, Noelle Wittkop, Becky Garms

Family Bingo night is approaching. We currently have 144 bingo cards and we are going to get a few more so we have 150 cards total. Noelle and Jessica have been busy laminating these cards and getting them ready for the event. Lots of prizes are ready to go and we will be getting candy, so everyone gets to leave with something. 15 families have signed up as of today. We will be buying expo markers so kids can mark the called numbers instead of using chips. We will use the big white board in the library to write the numbers called, so people in the back can check if you didn't hear. A microphone will be used as well. 1 to 2 volunteers will be needed the night of to help check Bingo cards. This was a well attended event last year, so sign up now at echohillpto.com to reserve a spot.

This will also be a charitable event. Becky Garms has been in contact with the Cedar Valley Humane Society. They don't have the space to collect items such as blankets or toys, but they are in need of food (dog or cat) or monetary donations. Monetary donations will be cash only the night of the event. The food donations will also only be the night of, so kids aren't lugging these bigger items into school. Look for more information on this in the newsletter or on the PTO website. Thank you Becky for organizing this for the PTO.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kim Graulein and Kira Cannon

Kira nor Kim were available to attend the meeting. No updates at this time.

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

- Cookies continue to go out each month for teacher's birthdays.
- Planning is starting to take place for the conference meals/snacks that will take place in March (2nd and 7th). There will be 1 lunch for all staff and 1 dinner for those that have to stay late. Snacks are planned for the week as well. More to come on that next month.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder Pierce

No updates on Hyvee receipts at this time.

Community Fundraising and Activities- Curran Lipsett

No updates at this time. He is working on a Roughriders night or a family ice skating night, stay tuned for more information.

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

No updates at this time. Sales are still open. You can order your yearbook at any

time. Visit the Echo Hill PTO website to place your order.

School Supply Pack Timeline- Hayley Hegland

We will be planning school supply packs soon. Looking for teacher's input as to what was great from this year and what supplies could be improved. More to come on this in the coming months.

***General Updates/Discussion**

February activity night will be a family painting night, hosted by Hayley Hegland. Look for more information to come next month.

Noelle Wittkop had a suggestion for a future family night at the Marion Library. They seem to have a lot of neat activities they can do for kids/families.

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: February 20, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:28p.m.

Jan. 16, 2023 Zoom PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer Becky Garms	Noelle Wittkop
Alex Hierl	Jessica Becker Keith	Heather Lough
Abby Huston	Carrie Hay CJ McDonald	Katie Murella
Molly Mulholland		

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes February 20, 2023



Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Hegland Huston Hay McDonald Becker

Treasurer's Report- Abby Huston

- Amazon has discontinued the Amazon Smile charitable donation option as of today, 2/20/23. Thank you to those that have used that option in the past to support the Echo Hill PTO.
- Other checks that have gone out are: Family Bingo night and reimbursement for the requested library bags last month.

Playground/Outdoor Enhancement Update- Hayley Hegland

Hayley, Jessica Becker and Jessica Witt have been working diligently on getting everything finalized and ordered for the new playground/outdoor equipment for Echo Hill. The two items ordered for the black top may be in as early as this spring. The other items will be longer and will hopefully be installed by late summer/early fall.

Principal's School Update - CJ McDonald

Teachers are gearing up for conferences coming up on March 2, and March 7. Please sign up for a conference with your teacher if you haven't already done so. Molly Mulholland asked CJ who she could contact in order to get the pothole in the Echo Hill drive repaired? CJ, said he would contact him to address the problem. Others in the meeting wanted to give a shout out to Amy Davis for her work on the software that goes on the TV's. She does such a good job and the kids and adults have loved seeing what she puts on there daily. Thank you Mrs. Davis!

January Activity: Family Bingo review: Hayley Hegland, Jessica Becker, Noelle Wittkop, Becky Garms

This was a great turnout and the feedback has been positive since the event took place on 1/27. The candy bars were well received by the kids and were a nice addition to this event. Tips for next year would be a bigger visual for when numbers are called, so those in the back can see them better. Also, to use a megaphone to call the numbers pulled; therefore, everyone can hear better. Overall, great feedback and we look forward to doing this event again next year.

This was also a charitable event for the Cedar Valley Humane Society. \$383 was donated as well as some food items. Thank you so much to Becky Garms for organizing this and for running the table the night at the event and for Amy Stouffer for creating a QR code for monetary

donations and for marketing this event online.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kim Graulein and Kira Cannon

Kira nor Kim were available to attend the meeting. No updates at this time. Carrie Hay asked for everyone to please remember to log your time. If you cannot remember how much time has been logged, please reach out to Angela Burke (who took over as the district volunteer coordinator this school year). Your volunteer time is very important to Echo Hill and greatly impacts our school.

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

- Cookies continue to go out each month for teacher's birthdays.
- Conference meals- Thursday March 2nd the teachers and staff will receive a breakfast. Dinner will also be provided that evening for those that will be staying late to meet with parents. Tuesday March 7th will be taco Tuesday. Snacks will also be provided throughout each of these days. The sign up for donations for this will be in the newsletter tomorrow 2/21. Thank you for contributing to these meals and thank you to Molly for organizing this.
- After spring break, preparation for teacher appreciation week (in May) will begin.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder Pierce

No updates from Amanda at this time. Abby H. pointed out that the deadline for Hyvee receipts to be turned in for this school year will be the end of March. Please look for more info on this to come soon.

Community Fundraising and Activities- Curran Lipsett

Curran couldn't attend the meeting, but Hayley gave an update that the Roughriders game that took place on Friday 2/17 was a successful event and all that attended had a great time. Thank you Curran for organizing this evening for Echo Hill families. The next "dine out for the Echo Hill PTO" will be March 22nd at Short's Burger & Shine in Marion.

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

No updates at this time. Sales are still open. You can order your yearbook at any time. Visit the Echo Hill PTO website to place your order. The deadline for this will be in April.

School Supply Pack Timeline- Hayley Hegland

We will be planning school supply packs soon. Looking for teacher's input as to what was great from this year and what supplies could be improved. More to come on this in the coming months.

Family Paint Night- Hayley Hegland

Hayley will be hosting the virtual Echo Hill paint night on Friday March 3rd. Please sign up for this event if you haven't already done so. Much planning and prepping goes into making this night a success. If there aren't enough attendees the event could be canceled, so please sign up if interested. You can sign up on the Echo Hill PTO website or use the link sent in the weekly newsletter.

Breakfast with buddies- Sarah Fridono

This event will take place March 23rd and 24th from 7:30-8:00a.m. There will be more coming on this event very soon. Save the date!

STEAM night- Hayley Hegland

Allison Adams has offered to lead this event again this year along with Noelle Wittkop and Becky Garms. She couldn't attend the meeting this month; however, be on the lookout for more information to come on this well attended, fun evening on April 21st.

***General Updates/Discussion**

Reminder: If you have hosted a PTO event, please fill out the form (please email at echohillpto@yahoo.com, if you are needing this form). This greatly helps us prepare for next year's activities/events.

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: March 20, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:30p.m.

Feb. 20, 2023 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer	Noelle Wittkop
Sarah Fridono	Jessica Becker	Becky Garms

Abby Huston	Carrie Hay	CJ McDonald
Molly Mulholland		

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes March 20, 2023



Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Hegland Huston Hay McDonald Becker

Treasurer's Report- Abby Huston

- Amazon has discontinued the Amazon Smile charitable donation option towards the school. The final check received from Amazon was \$314.44. Thank you for supporting the Echo Hill PTO with Amazon Smile throughout this school year.
- 3 more teacher stipends were filled this last month with 7 stipends for teachers left remaining. Please turn in your receipts to Abby, before the end of this year if you haven't already done so.
- Of the \$3,000 of teacher request money allotted this year, only \$1,395.25 has been used. Teachers, if you have a request you would like to have made, please reach out to CJ or Hayley. We would love to help you fill that request with this money before the end of this year!

Playground/Outdoor Enhancement Update- Hayley Hegland

Equipment has been ordered. The total came in just under \$11,000. Thank you to the team of individuals that have donated so much time into getting this planned and ordered.

Principal's School Update - CJ McDonald

No updates from CJ at this time.

Family Paint Night Review: Hayley Hegland

The feedback from the community was positive and well liked for all that attended. This was a virtual event where Hayley walked everyone through the steps to make a sunflower picture. There was \$250 allotted for this event and we spent \$150 on supply kits for those that needed them. Thank you to Hayley for putting this event on for our Echo Hill families.

Breakfast with Buddies Update: Hayley Hegland on behalf of Sarah Fridono

Sarah has graciously planned and organized this event for the PTO. This event will take place on March 23 and March 24. We look forward to seeing everyone that signed up this week at this well attended event!

STEAM Night Update: Hayley Hegland on behalf of Allie Adams

STEAM night planning is well under way and many are looking forward to this fun event that will be held at Echo Hill on April 21st. There are currently 14 presenters and they are looking for 2 more. They are looking to improve the sign in/registration process with having 2 locations. As well as have a louder announcement for when it is time to switch classes. They are looking for high school volunteers to help run the preschool room and help assist presenters. If you know anyone looking to volunteer, could you please contact the PTO at echohillpto@yahoo.com Look for more information to come on this event in the next month. Check the weekly newsletter as well as our website/ social media sites.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kim Graulein and Kira Cannon

Kira nor Kim were available to attend the meeting. Hayley reported that the next volunteer workshop will be held on Monday March 27th. We hope to see many there to assist in projects from the teachers! Also, save the date! Thursday April 20th will be a volunteer workshop as well as a volunteer recognition day. As a thank you to all of you that volunteer in any capacity at Echo Hill, please join us that morning, the 4th grade Echo Hill singers will be performing for us! We look forward to seeing all of you there!

Hospitality - Molly Mulholland

- Cookies continue to go out each month for teacher's birthdays.
- Conference meals last month went smoothly. Thank you to all that donated items for this. It was greatly appreciated.
- Planning for Teacher Appreciation Week will begin this month. Molly has several ideas that she is thinking up. Look for more information to come on this in the next month.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder

No updates from Amanda at this time. Hayley reported that Hyvee receipts are due for this school year by March 30. If you have ANY Hyvee receipts dated before that date, please send them in with your child ASAP. Our Hyvee receipt counters need them to get them documented and sent off. Please continue collecting these receipts, the next collection will be next school year.

Community Fundraising and Activities- Curran Lipsett

Curran reported that the next "dine out for the Echo Hill PTO" night will be this Wednesday March 22 at Short's Burgers and Shine . Please plan to have dinner at Short's Burger and Shine from 5-9. This will be for dine in or carry out. Thank you for supporting our PTO!

PTO Events/Activities-

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

The yearbook due date is quickly approaching. If you plan to customize your free two

pages, please do so before March 28th. The final day to purchase will be April 10th. There have been 163 sold so far this year. Please visit our website at echohillpto.com for the purchase link.

***General Updates/Discussion**

Jessica Becker reported that inflatable day planning has started taking place. The event will be held on May 26th. This will take place during the students' specials time. Jessica needs to reserve the inflatables for that day. She asked for everyone's opinion on which type of inflatables to reserve. The cost for 4 inflatables with generators will be \$1,609.85. This is the same cost as last year, so money has already been allotted for this. Thank you Jessica for getting these reserved.

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Questions

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Next Meeting: April 17, 2023, 6:30 pm This will be our annual meeting. We will get a full report of our finances from Abby Huston, our treasurer.

Adjourned Time: 7:35p.m.

March 20, 2023 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer	Curran Lipsett
Alex Hierl	Jessica Becker	CJ McDonald
Abby Huston	Carrie Hay	Molly Mulholland

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes April 17, 2023



Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board

Quorum: Hegland Huston McDonald Becker Lough

Teacher Requests:

1). Mary Symmonds our reading specialist at EH (along with Mrs. Martens one of our first grade teachers) are requesting 2 sets of decodable readers. These are a valuable resource for K-2nd grade reading and Echo Hill currently has a limited supply. Publisher is Pioneer Valley and if they prove useful the same publisher also offers reading materials for older grades.

Request is for \$1,315 which would cover 2 sets: 6 copies of 18 titles and 6 copies of 24 titles. Hayley Hegland motioned to approve the request and Heather Lough seconded the motion. All voted yes and the request was approved.

2). Charlie Hugo our P.E. teacher at EH is requesting a portable bluetooth system to be used in the gym, during car duty, for school events, and during emergency drills.

Request is for \$128 which is slightly higher than the standard teacher stipend which is why Mr. Hugo is utilizing a teacher request.

Hayley Hegland motioned to approve, Heather Lough seconded the motion.

Question: Will PTO be allowed to borrow the system for school events such as Bingo Night?

Answer: Yes, PTO may borrow the system for school events.

All voted yes, the request was approved. Heather in the front office will purchase and Hayley or Abby from PTO will sign approval.

Board Elections for 2023/2024

Hayley Presented the slate for vote:

President: Hayley Hegland

Vice Presidents: Jessica Becker and Noelle Wittkop

Treasurer: Abby Huston

Secretary: Amy Stouffer

Hayley motioned to vote

Becky Garms seconded

All voted yes

Note: Hy-Vee Receipts will be taken over by Noelle Wittkop

Thank you to Carrie Hay and Heather Lough for their hard work and commitment to the board this year.

Sarah Fridono: PTO Volunteer Recruitment (new position) to handle PTO-specific events

Volunteer Coordinators Kimberly Graulein and Kira Cannon will continue to handle school-wide volunteers.

Annual Treasurer's Report- Abby Huston

Our starting balance in August was \$13,814.38

Our income to date is as follows:

Dash for Cash: \$16,409.95

Dash for Cash Matching: \$2,396.00

Charity: \$42.00

Box Tops: \$93.80

Amazon Smile: \$724.04

Restaurant Night: \$509.69

Sponsorships: \$750.00

Yearbook Sales: \$323.96

School Supply Sales: \$274.52

Apparel Sales: \$497.40

Total of income: \$22,021.36

Our expenses to date is as follows:

Fundraising Expenses: \$669.00 (Dash for Cash, Mane Event basket)

Teacher & Staff Specific: \$8,293.59 (Teacher Requests, Teacher Stipends, Hospitality)

Enrichment School-Wide: \$2,529.00 (America Reads, Enrichment Day, Inflatable Day, 4th Grade Farewell)

PTO Events: \$4,383.00 (Open House, Homecoming Parade, Trunk or Treat, Family Paint Night, Bingo, STEAM, Breakfast with Buddies, General)

School Enhancement: \$9,862.00 (Playground Equipment)

PTO Operations: \$220.00 (Website, Stamps, Print, etc.)

Total of expenses: \$25,956.59

Note: These are budgeted amounts used for the last few events that have yet to pass.

At the May meeting we will propose an estimated budget for the 2023/2024 school year.

Committee Lead Updates:

Volunteer Coordinators - Kim Graulein and Kira Cannon

Kira nor Kim were available to attend the meeting. Hayley reported that the next volunteer workshop will be held on Thursday April 20th, as well as a volunteer recognition day. As a thank you to all of you that volunteer in any capacity at Echo Hill, please join us that morning, the 4th grade Echo Hill singers will be performing for us! We look forward to seeing all of you there at 9:15!

Hospitality - Hayley Hegland on behalf of Molly Mulholland

- Cookies continue to go out each month for teacher's birthdays.
- Teacher Appreciation is May 8-12- The days will be the following:
- Monday Donuts & Coffee "Donut know how much we appreciate you"
- Tuesday Snack Bags delivered to teachers & snacks in lounge for whole staff
- Wednesday Crumble cookies "No matter how the cookie crumbles, you're the best staff around" Becky Garms has offered to make gluten free cookies for any staff who need that option.
- Thursday pizza & salad "Thanks for sharing a "pizza" your heart with our kids"
- Friday ice cream & raffle "Here's the scoop, you're the best"
- If anyone wants to help deliver the Teacher bags with Molly on Tuesday that would be great. Also, if anyone wants to find some donations for the raffle that would be awesome. She currently has a free pedicure gift card, and is in the process of reaching out to Scooters, Las Margaritas, 30Hop, and GoldFinch. It's a free raffle for the staff, we just throw all the names in & draw winners. If you are willing to help, please contact Molly at mulholland.mollymo@gmail.com.

Hyvee Receipts- Amanda Snyder

Thank you for shopping at Hyvee and turning in your receipts. We have collected 293,339 receipts this year and Echo Hill will receive \$1,413.60. Way to go Echo Hill Families!

Community Fundraising and Activities- Hayley Hegland on behalf of Curran Lipsett
Echo Hill night at the Kernels is May 18. This is also the night the Echo Hill Singers will be singing the National Anthem for the game.

Yearbook: Jessica Becker

Yearbook is done, deadline to order is Thursday 4/20.

Playground Update: Hayley Hegland

The company should receive the equipment by 4/20 and will ship out to Echo Hill after that date. Expected installation is summer/fall. PTO will attempt to have a representative present during installation.

Principal School Update:

End of year, very busy, ending year on a high note. Will try to encourage the district to install the new playground equipment ASAP after it's received.

Question

Jessica Becker:

There are currently 5 kindergarten sections, will there be 5 first grade sections next year?

A: Mr McDonald will be meeting with Bob Read to discuss budget and enrollment numbers and Mr. Read will make the decision regarding class sizes and number of sections

Question

Becky Garms:

Is the reading tutor sign near the EH driveway district approved?

A: No, the sign will be removed as the Echo Hill/LM District does not endorse any private tutor

PTO Events/Activities:

STEAM Night: Noelle Wittkop

Event is April 21

We have 16 presenters, 228 students signed up

Thank you to the MS/HS volunteers who have signed up to assist in the presentations

Thank you to the parent volunteers who have signed up to help with sign in/clean up. We could use a few more if possible. Reminder is in the weekly school newsletter.

Inflatable Day: Jess Becker

Event is May 26 during the school day

Inflatables have been rented, Jessica will purchase balls for sports-themed inflatables. PTO will provide chalk and Jessica will purchase more if needed.

4th Grade Year End Celebrations: Hayley Hegland

Kona Ice will come during Field Day 5/19. PTO provides this as a "farewell" to all 4th graders.

4th Grade yard signs available for purchase on PTO website at echohillpto.com.

School Supply Packs: Hayley Hegland and Heather Lough

District supply list changed, this has been updated with the company. We will begin marketing next week to make packs available for purchase.

***General Updates/Discussion**

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Questions

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Next Meeting: May 15, 2023, 6:30 pm

Adjourned Time: 7:40p.m.

April 17, 2023 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer	Sarah Fridono
Noelle Wittkop	Jessica Becker	CJ McDonald
Abby Huston	Becky Garms	Heather Lough
Mary Symmonds	Charlie Hugo	Amanda Snyder

PTO Meeting Minutes

Monday, May 15, 2023

Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board Principal

Quorum: Hegland McDonald Becker Lough Huston

GENERAL BUSINESS

A. Treasurer's Report

- \$1,100 in STEAM Night expenses reimbursed.
- \$129 final deposit from Amazon Smile; that program has now ended.
- \$125 reimbursement to Mr. Hugo for the PA system approved last meeting

B. Teacher Stipends

Only two teachers remain who have not claimed their stipends; this is an improvement from recent years.

C. Teacher Request:

Echo Hill Librarian Katie Merulla was present to formally request an additional qty of 48 waterproof zipper bags for library books, tabletop plastic caddies for library tables, and mystery sticker pictures for library walls. The PTO has previously funded zipper bags for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grades; Mrs. Merulla's request covers any extras needed as old ones are lost or damaged by students, and allows for increasing class sizes. Mrs. Merulla noted that her library funding was significantly cut this year. Hegland motioned for the requested funds, Lough seconded the motion. All attendees voted in favor of the request, so motion was granted.

D. Teacher Expenditure Discussion:

Echo Hill Counselor Deb Bundy was present to discuss options for repeating a previously grant-funded social/emotional curriculum called "Two by Two" that included a stuffed animal, a small cardboard kennel, and a student journal for each second grader at Echo Hill. This curriculum was very well received and taught students the importance of being responsible pet owners. Mrs. Bundy does not have grant support at this time to repeat this curriculum next year, but was looking for discussion/creative ideas around how she could still implement this concept again for second graders. Discussion included finding another grant or entity to fund the program; finding similar curriculum items at lower costs; exploring options for "reusable"/non-consumable materials that can be passed on year to year...Mrs. Bundy did not make a formal request at this time. Hegland mentioned that at \$25 a student x 100 students, this curriculum is a financial challenge for the PTO, adding that it would need to be consistently budgeted moving forward to ensure continuity and equity for future second graders. Mrs. Bundy is going to continue to search for more options to carry out this curriculum. Hegland invited Mrs.

Bundy back to a future PTO meeting to make a formal teacher request if she finds new information or resources that would offset the cost of this curriculum.

E. 2023-2024 Proposed Budget

Treasurer Abby Huston presented the proposed PTO budget for the 2023-2024 year with projected revenues and expenses balanced at \$16,820.00 for the year. The PTO budget is based on a successful Dash For Cash fundraiser in the fall; most of the activities, events, and purchases that the PTO supports all year hinge on donations acquired for Dash For Cash. Please see additional page for proposed budget specifics. Hegland motioned for the proposed budget to be approved, Lough seconded the motion. All attendees voted in favor of the proposed budget, so budget was approved for 2023-2024.

PTO EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

F. STEAM Night

Update provided by Noelle Wittkop for the STEAM Team. Event held April 21 at Echo Hill. This event remains one of the PTO's most popular activities. Very positive evening, well attended, streamlined check-in process this year with 230+ attendees, 15 presenters, and approximately 60 volunteers. The STEAM Team is finishing their event report and assessing who will be back next year to lead another successful event in 2024.

G. Playground Enhancement

Update provided by Hayley Hegland. Lots of communication between equipment vendor(s), PTO representatives, and LM district representatives to ensure a coordinated effort for order and installation. Hoping that some pieces will be in place over Summer 2023 and perhaps stretching into early Fall 2023.

H. Inflatable Day

Update provided by Jess Becker. Inflatables and generators have been reserved for the event on Friday, May 26. Volunteer sign-up has been circulated; a few openings remain to cover volunteer needs for this all-day event. Location is moved this year to the southwest lawn (between Echo Hill and Hazel Point) and surrounding area.

I. Kernels Night

Thursday, May 18 at Veteran's Memorial Stadium, Cedar Rapids. Echo Hill Singers to perform the National Anthem before the game. No other updates at this time.

J. Enrichment Day

Coming up on Tuesday, May 30. Mrs. Bundy reports that there are a number of good enrichment opportunities again this year.

K. HyVee Receipts

Update from Noelle Wittkop. Receipts collected generated \$1,466.70 for Echo Hill. Check will be presented at a ceremony with HyVee on June 2; Noelle will attend to claim our funds.

L. Community Fundraising

No updates at this time.

M. Supply Kits

Update provided by Hayley Hegland. Sale remains open through May 31. So far 82 kits sold via the Echo Hill portal.

General Business:

Discussion of Volunteer Opportunities for 2023-2024

The group discussed several opportunities for serving in the 2023-24 school year, including but not limited to:

- Marketing & communication coordinator
- Trunk or Treat coordinator
- STEAM Team
- Breakfast with Buddies
- Homecoming
- HyVee receipt counters
- Student Directory coordinator
- Yearbook coordinator

If anyone knows of people who would be good fits for any of these roles, they are encouraged to email the PTO, message the PTO from Facebook, or come to any future meetings to learn more about the opportunities.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM

May 15, 2023 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
CJ McDonald	Hayley Hegland	Amy Stouffer

Deb Bundy	Katie Merulla	Heather Lough
Noelle Wittkop	Amanda Snyder	Sarah Fridono
Jessica Becker	Abby Huston	