

Echo Hill PTO Meeting Minutes February 19, 2024



Call to Order Time: 6:35pm

Quorum: Hegland Stouffer Becker Wittkop

Welcome & Introductions

- I. **Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Abby Huston was not present but provided a report/status to President Hayley Hegland to share with the group.
 - a. **Teacher Stipends:** six stipends remain; reminders were sent in teacher mailboxes before Spring Break. The deadline for stipends to be claimed is 3/31/24.
 - b. **Staff Request** account has \$1,750 left to be awarded.
 - c. Received a check for \$130 from Your Pie for the recent community fundraising event.
 - d. Have not received any proceeds from The Fun Station's community fundraising event.
 - e. \$500 is budgeted for the upcoming Breakfast with Buddies.
 - f. Expenses for Family Paint Night came in about \$170.
 - g. A deeper dive into the PTO's finances will take place at the April meeting.

II. Open PTO Positions for 2024-2025 School Year: At the April PTO meeting next month, we will be voting on PTO leadership and committee leads for the 2024-2025 school year. Please reach out to echohillpto@yahoo.com if you are interested in serving in any capacity next year. Hayley will be stepping down as president; other known openings are the Hospitality lead and HyVee/BoxTops coordinator(s). All participation is welcome from the Echo Hill community. Please show up at the April meeting or email the PTO to ask questions ahead of time.

III. Principal's School Update: Mr. McDonald was not present at the meeting, but Jess Becker supplied an impromptu update in his absence. She noted that Mo Willems Week was a big hit; also noted budget concerns for the district and cutting positions at Echo Hill; and mentioned that the PPEL vote passed.

PTO Activities/Events

- V. **Family Paint Night:** was Friday, March 1, 6:30pm. Hayley Hegland led the virtual painting session and general feedback was that it was a great time. Hayley prepped and distributed around 20 kits for students to take home; unsure of how many participants were online for the session.
- VI. **STEAM Night:** planning is going well. Flyers go home with students this week with session descriptions

and how to sign up; the registration window is March 25-29, and it's online only. We have 16 presenters; April 7th is when the STEAM Team will coordinate student sessions.

- VII. **Yearbook:** reminder that custom pages are due 3/25; You can still buy a yearbook beyond that date, but if you want custom pages in it, you must order those by 3/25.
- VIII. **Breakfast with Buddies:** Amy White reported that planning had begun with Mrs. Garcia for the donut event on March 27 and 28. General discussion of the event weighed pros and cons of the event and the group decided to host this event again. Amy Stouffer will lead this one with assistance from Amy White and Staci Sperfslage. Watch the enewsletter, the website, and PTO's facebook for additional info coming out this week.
- IX. Inflatable Day is May 24. Heather Lough is coordinating this one, including rain date, logistics, and volunteer/parent coordination. More to come as we get closer to the date.

VII. Committee Leads Updates

- a) **Hospitality:** Molly Mulholland reported that the teachers appreciated the conference meals again. She chose Olive Garden and Mas Margaritas for the two meals. Teacher Appreciation Week is May 6-10 and she will let us know what fun activities and treats are in store for that as we get closer to the date.
- b) **HyVee Receipts:** Noelle Wittkop reported that the receipts collected so far have garnered \$1,100 for Echo Hill. The traveling trophy was awarded to Mrs. Robertson's 2nd grade class – they are very proud! We are nearing the end of the receipt collection window; all receipts must be dated up to 3/31/24 and turned in soon to wrap up this effort.
- c) **Community Fundraising:** Curran Lipsett was not in attendance to give an update. The PTO is partnering with Chilled Freezer Meals all throughout March as a fundraising opportunity. Watch the Tuesday newsletter and PTO's Facebook for additional details coming soon. Further discussion/coordination is needed for the Echo Hill Singers national anthem/Kernels night this year –
- d) **Volunteer Coordinators:** coordinators were not in attendance to give an update. We have learned that Kira and Kim will not be returning in this role for 2024-2025, and a new person has been selected to fill the role. More details at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned 7:35 PM.

II. March 18, 2024 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
Amy White	Heather Lough	Hayley Hegland
Amy Stouffer	Jess Becker	Noelle Wittkop
Molly Mulholland	Staci Sperflage	Alex Hierl