

Echo Hill PTO Meeting Minutes January 20, 2025



Call to Order Time: 6:30 pm

Quorum: Wittkop Stouffer Becker Mulholland

1. Welcome & Introductions

2. General Business

- a) Treasurer's Report: Molly Mulholland reported on the financial status of the organization, noting that approximately \$22,600 was in the PTO bank account at the beginning of January. Molly also reported that 2 more teachers had each requested their \$100 teacher stipend since December. Other financial items of note: received \$346.00 from the fundraiser at AirFX; received \$294.41 from Level10 Apparel for our split of the apparel sale; earned \$80 in interest.

3. Principal's Report: Mr. McDonald said spirits were high in anticipation of a two-hour late start tomorrow due to the forecast. No decisions had been made yet as of meeting time. He also mentioned that FAST scores would be back soon; instructional changes are made based on those scores. All other business as usual, he says.

4. Vote / Request for Funds: Fourth grade teachers Mrs. Kinzenbaw and Mrs. Rupe joined the meeting to request for PTO funds to cover heart costumes for the 4th grade teaching staff. They reported that they like to jazz up the Wit & Wisdom curriculum in fun ways, and these costumes would help them keep kids engaged and learning during the heart segment each year. Costumes would be reused year over year by all 4th grade staff. Total cost: \$171. Noelle Wittkop motioned for the vote; Molly Mulholland seconded the motion. All people in attendance voted in support of this purchase with PTO funds; unanimously passed. Noelle will make sure Heather Feigenbaum has the documentation necessary to make this purchase with PTO funds.

5. Activities & Events:

- a) Did a quick review of the recent Book & Board Game Swap. It's a low-cost, high-impact event that is appreciated by the school community. We plan to keep doing it; Mrs. Hopkins appreciates that it coincides with her concert night and we love giving teachers the option to grab items, too.

Mrs. Kinzenbaw reports that she picked up some puzzles at the swap and uses them before school and for indoor recess times.

- b) Bingo Night coming up on February 7th, 6:30pm. Candy prizes. Jess Becker is coordinating this again and is working with the office staff for logistics. Volunteer needs seem to be covered for this. No registration required; just show up and play. Amy White requests that we snap a few photos of the event and send them to her for marketing use.
- c) Save the date for conferences: Feb. 26 and 27; watch for PTO details coming soon.
- d) March 7: Paint Night
- e) March 27 & 28: Breakfast with Buddies

6. Hospitality: Staci reports that birthday treats for teachers is going well. Conference ideas will be coming soon. The teachers greatly appreciate the assistance during these busy days; the group reminded Staci to ask for donations from parents anytime she needs it. Other schools do this and parents are looking for opportunities to chip in.

7. HyVee Receipts: Amy White reported that HyVee Receipts are at an estimated \$672 at the moment; \$167 for BoxTops for Education. She is planning another receipt challenge for the spring; stay tuned for details on that soon.

8. Community Fundraising: Noelle discussed that ideas were in the works for an Echo Hill Ice Skate Night – perhaps in March (specific date TBD), with a portion of the cost coming back to our school. She is coordinating details with the venue; stay tuned for additional info coming soon.

9. Volunteer Coordinators: the group discussed the coffee truck at length, discussing ways that we could possibly bring this to Echo Hill and offset / cover the costs for our teachers. The group discussed setting up a GiveButter donations page where the money is shared between all teachers, or find ways to sponsor a teacher generically or specifically.... Noelle will follow up with Amy Davis in the office (she coordinates the coffee orders) and see what we can do. It might be cost prohibitive at this time; we will know more after they discuss the options. It's in consideration for Teacher Appreciation Week, May 2025.

Next meeting date: Monday, February 17, 6:30pm in the Art Room.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:15 pm.

January 20,2025 - PTO meeting attendees:

| Name | Name | Name |
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| Noelle Wittkop | Amy Stouffer | Jessica Becker |
| Mr. McDonald | Molly Mulholland | Amy White |
| Mrs. Kinzenbaw | Mrs. Rupe | Staci Sperflage |
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