

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

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: 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	