

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		