

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes April 4, 2022



Call to Order Time: 6:30pm

Introductions: Board and Principal

Quorum: Hay Hegland Mcdonald Becker Lough

- **This meeting was ran by Jessica Becker- one of the VP's of the PTO**

*** 2022/2023 PTO Board Elections:**

Jessica proposed for the following individuals be voted on for the 2022/2023 school year:

Hayley Hegland- President

Jessica Becker and Heather Lough- Co- Vice Presidents

Abby Huston- Treasurer

Carrie Hay- Secretary

Jessica motioned for the vote, Heather Lough seconded the motion and all that were present (in- person/Zoom) were all in favor. Motion is granted. Thank you to each board member for volunteering your time for the next school year.

*** General Business:**

Treasurer Report- Stacey Corwin

2021/2022 budget success due to the following:

Dash for cash, Amazon Smile, Event Donations (Dentist, Thrivecare, ThreeSisters Marketing), Apparel Sales, Restaurant Nights and Prior year budget for school enhancement

PTO events, teacher, staff and school enrichment expenses all on track for where they should be for this point in the year.

Upcoming events and expenses:

Breakfast With Buddies (expense reimbursement), STEAM Night, Teacher Appreciation Week, Inflatable Day and Remaining teacher stipends/requests

May & June: 2022/2023 Budget Discussion/Creation

*** Committee Lead Updates:**

Volunteer Coordinators - Carrie Hay and Amanda DeSalvo

The next volunteer workshop will be on April 6th. See you on Wednesday!

Thank you to those that have stepped up recently to help where it has been needed for different school events (Opera Iowa, setting up for school music programs, breakfast with buddies, classroom assistance, etc). Keep logging your time for each volunteer opportunity you give to Echo Hill.

STEAM night is approaching on April 22nd. An email went out to the active volunteers for volunteer opportunities that evening.

If you are not an active volunteer and you do not receive volunteer opportunity emails from Amanda and Carrie and would like to, please contact them at ehvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Hospitality - Jessica Witt

Jessica Becker mentioned there are no updates on hospitality. The hospitality committee has been meeting and prepping for Teacher Appreciation Week coming up in May. Look for more information closer to this week to find out how to support them further.

Yearbook:

Jessica Becker gave an update on yearbooks. Please visit our PTO website to purchase a yearbook for your child. The deadline to purchase a book and input customized pages for your child will be April 8th. There have been 177 yearbooks purchased so far.

Community Fundraising:

Jessica B. had an update from Curran Lipsett on the fundraiser for Shorts. We received a check for \$270 from Shorts Burger and Shine in Marion. Thank you to Shorts for supporting our PTO and to Curran for organizing this event.

Amazon Smile/Box Tops/Hy-Vee receipts:

Amanda S. gave an update on HyVee receipts. The total thus far is approximately \$1,800 that the school will be given to help pay for special days for teachers/staff (meals, treats, etc.) Thank you to Amanda and Nicole V. for organizing these and your volunteer time with counting and recording.

* **Principal Report - C.J. McDonald -**

We are in the dash to the end of the year at Echo Hill! He is excited to experience inflatable day with the kids (since this is a new event for him). ISASP testing is coming up and teachers are hard at work preparing the students for this. FAST testing is also approaching.

*** PTO Events:**

STEAM night: update from Allison Adams, STEAM Night Coordinator

There are 2.5 weeks to go until STEAM night! The committee has been meeting to discuss logistics and prepping for this event. Amy S. made wonderful flyers for the event and sign ups are currently available online at echohillpto.com. There will be swag bags for the kids that attend the evening. Volunteers are needed for this event. If you are an active volunteer check the email that went out today April 4th for more details. There is currently no cap on the number of people that are able to attend, but sign ups are required. We can't wait to see you there!

Breakfast with Buddies: Sarah Fridono

Thank you to Donuland for giving the PTO a 10% discount for this event. Approximately 300 people attended between the two days. Some families were on a waiting list to come. A few were able to attend, by volunteering during the event (either checking families in, or serving juice or donuts). Feedback was positive and we look forward to seeing this event take place again next year! Only changes would be to possibly add another day, so more people would be able to come. Thank you again to Sarah F. and Jessica B. for organizing this for the PTO.

Inflatable Day: Jessica B.

Inflatable Day will take place on May 20th. We are currently looking for a volunteer to coordinate this event. If you are available on the 20th and would like to organize this for the students. Please contact the PTO at echohillpto@yahoo.com

Fourth Grade Goodbye

The fourth grade team plans to have a field day with games on one of the last days of school, before their students head to Hazel Point Intermediate for 5th grade in the fall. Fourth grade had requested money for Kona Ice to attend that day and provide each child with a treat. This was approved by the board late last month. Some of the fourth grade team members attended this PTO meeting to express gratitude and to see if anyone attending had any questions for them. Thank you to Mandy Lam and Susan Adams for attending with us.

***General Updates/Discussion**

School Supply Packs- Heather L.

Advertising will begin in mid April for school supply packs. Heather and Hayley have discussed potentially having a drive up event in August for families to receive their packs

before the Open House night. That way they have time to go through their items and label them ahead of time. This isn't a fundraiser for our school, just a way to make shopping easier for parents. Thank you Heather for organizing this.

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 echohillpto.com

Next Meeting: May 2, 2022 @ 6:30pm

Adjourned Time: 7:00p.m.

April 4, 2022 PTO meeting attendees:

Name	Name	Name
CJ McDonald	Jessica Becker	Carrie Hay
Becky Garms	Amy Stouffer	Heather Lough
Stacey Corwin	Sarah Fridono	Allison Adams
Amanda Pierce Snyder	Amanda DeSalvo-Zoom	Abby Huston-Zoom
Mandy Lam	Susan Adams	