

Echo Hill PTO Agenda / Meeting Minutes October 4th, 2021



Call to Order Time: 6:32pm

Introductions: Board and Principal

Quorum: Hay Hegland Mcdonald Corwin

Dash for Cash Review/Hotwash -

Hayley gave an update on Dash for Cash. It was a successful fundraiser for Echo Hill. A big thank you to each family that donated. See Treasurer's Report for financial income. Hayley asked if everyone enjoyed dressing up or would prefer to not for next year. Everyone in attendance agreed, they liked dressing up for the special day. Next year, the fundraising will start a bit closer to the actual event day. There are so many things going on in September, and most people donated the day of the event. Looking to start fundraiser drive 2 to 2.5 weeks prior. If anyone has any further feedback on Dash for Cash, please contact the board at echohillpto@yahoo.com

Upcoming PTO Event, Trunk or Treat -

Jessica Becker gave an update on Trunk or Treat. We are looking for families to participate in this event. Candy will be provided by the PTO either through PTO funds or via business sponsors, but we ask that each family that is hosting a car, to come up with a simple game that the kids can play at your vehicle. We are requesting Echo Hill families only to participate in the trick or treating. We would like to have at least 20 cars to participate and currently we have 5 signed up. Please sign up today at echohillpto.com. Also, we are still looking for businesses that could sponsor the candy for this event. If interested, please contact us at echohillpto@yahoo.com

Upcoming PTO Event, November Family Activity-

It has been decided, due to parents/volunteer restrictions inside the school building, that the Breakfast with Buddies event will not take place this school year. We hope to have this event back next year. If anyone has any November family event ideas, please contact the board at echohillpto@yahoo.com

Principal Report - CJ Mcdonald -

Academic groups are up and running at Echo Hill. Beginning of year testing is complete and groups are running inside the classrooms as well as support groups. They are hoping to start club activities during recess for students in grades 3 and 4. This will start approximately in 1-2 weeks. They will have interest groups and kids can sign up. These will be hosted by specials teachers/staff and they will take turns hosting different groups. Someone asked if they are bringing back extracurricular activities at the school. CJ reported that at this time that is not allowed, due to parent/volunteer restrictions inside the building with students present.

Treasurer's Report - Hayley Hegland on behalf of Stacey Corwin -

The fundraising goal for Dash for Cash was \$10,000. To date, we have raised \$11,025. There have been some complications with getting company matching with Collins Aerospace due to company's change of ownership. For those that have already submitted their donations to the PTO, Stacey is trying 3 options. #1, That Collins would accept the previous process for this year and the school will still receive the matching donation #2, That

the PTO could reimburse each individual that donated from Collins then have each parent re-submit payment through Collin's new process #3, We will have to let it go for this year and remind each Collins Aerospace employee next year of their new process, so the matching is done correctly. Stacey is working with the Collins Aerospace company in what they can do to help us receive the matching donations for this year. Reminder to teachers that stipends are available for them to use. \$75 for each teacher to use in their classrooms.

VOTE - New VP

Heather Lough and Jessica Becker have agreed to be co-vice presidents for the PTO this school year. Hayley motioned for their positions on the board. Stacey 2nd the motion. All present were in favor and the motion was approved. Thank you Heather and Jessica!

Committee Reports:

Hospitality - Jessica Witt -

Jessica wasn't able to attend, but Hayley gave a report for her. Conferences are approaching. To thank our teachers/staff for staying late and meeting with each parent, there will be a snack bar in the lounge on these days, as well as dinner provided one evening. To donate items, visit the website at echohillpto.com Thank you to those that have already signed up/donated.

Volunteer Coordinators - Amanda DeSalvo/Carrie Hay -

September was a busy month and Amanda and Carrie were thankful for all of the volunteer help with the workshop, orientation, homecoming and Dash for Cash. The next workshop is this Wednesday Oct. 6th. This will be another workshop at the park. They are looking for another placement indoors to hold future workshops during the cooler months. If you know of a space or have access to a place, contact Amanda/Carrie at ehvolunteers@linnmar.k12.ia.us

Amazon Smile/Box Tops/Hy-Vee receipts -

If you have Hyvee receipts please send these in with your child. The front office collects these for our Hyvee receipt rep and she collects them from there. An easy way to help support Echo Hill school. Thank you!

Presentation- Childhood Anxiety - Melissa Wehr & Deb Bundy -

Thank you to Melissa and Deb for presenting on this topic. For handouts and presentation items, see the website for the links at echohillpto.com

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: November 1st, 2021 @ 6:30pm

- Guest Speaker Brittania Morey, College Financial Planning

Adjourned Time: 7:40pm

October 4th, 2021 PTO meeting attendees: (Names from sign-in sheet/ Zoom names displayed)

Name	Name	Name
CJ McDonald	Hayley Hegland	Carrie Hay
Stacey Corwin	Amy Stouffer	Heather Lough
Alyssa Briggs	Jessica Becker	Martha Garcia-Wegener
Emmy Pettit- Zoom	Amanda DeSalvo- Zoom	Becky Garms- Zoom
Paranjape- Zoom	Ethan Engelball- Zoom	Wendy Crossett- Zoom
Deb Bundy-presenter	Melissa Wehr-presenter	