

Hosack PFA Meeting Agenda
October 3rd, 2017

1. **Call to Order** **Alice Rumsberger**

2. **Secretary's Report** **Kelly Kaparakos**

Elaine Davis moves to approve September Minutes, Jill Dugan second

3. **Treasurer's Report** **Karen Rosella**

- coupon book \$650, Opt Out \$350, Field Trip Fees \$195, Chess \$450, Dance \$1,173.50, Tie Dye Shirts: \$540
- Expenses:
- Insurance for dance \$835.40, Scholastic news for 1st and 2nd grade \$768.35, TAG Maintenance \$50, Integrated Arts (Mr Seneca) \$100, Camp KOK \$269.11, Assemblies \$75
- 4th will be getting Time for Kids this year. 3rd has not yet decided. 4th has indicated that due to ipads they will not be getting Time for Kids next year
- Karen would like to propose we increase the Special Programs budget by \$100.00 to support the teachers and children in the new special needs classroom. Karen Rosella motions to increase budget and Alice Rumsberger 2nd.

4. **Teacher Liaison Report** **Danielle Landy**

Parent Donations to discuss:

Mrs. Kegel can always take pre-owned/used recorders

Staff wishlists for games as part of birthday honors/Need a parent Voluteer

Rainboots for Camp KOK

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Thank You Messages from staff:

Mrs. Kralic: "Thanks for the monthly treats! Much appreciated."

Mr. Kremmel: "Thanks to the PFA for the supplies for KOK activities, such as light sticks, balloons for archery, water, and tasty treats for camp cooking. The students had a great time at camp!"

Mrs. Chandler: "Thank you to our wonderful PFA for the lovely Apple celebration this week! It was a great thing for our staff that stayed behind, and those returning from camp to feel the love!"

Time for Kids:

Fourth grade wants them for this year. The district is in the middle of a social studies review, so they are not sure if they will need them for next year or not.

5. **Principal's Report** **Amanda Mathieson**

Principal's Report:

- A work order has been placed for clean-up of the Army lot next to Hosack Elementary. Work will be completed prior to our Fall parties.
- Lifetouch Pictures changed our picture day date without notice, therefore the new date was moved to October 11th.
- Intramural Soccer for grades 4 and 5, taught by Mr. Kremmel, will begin October 26th. An electronic sign-up will be on the website and in Hosack Happenings.

- Continued communication with Transportation and Central has occurred to maintain vigilance of bus arrival and drop off times. Please call the Transportation Department at 412-369-5500 for further inquiries or concerns.
- Check out the Hosack Elementary School Facebook page for posts about the wonderful activities happening at our great school!

Dates to Remember:

October 9th – No School for students
 October 11th – NEW DATE for Picture Day
 October 23rd – 26th – Red Ribbon Week (dress up days)
 October 23rd – Title 1 Meeting for parents @McKnight Elementary
 October 27th – No School for Students
 October 31st – Fall Parade and Parties

6. District Committee Reports:

a. SPLC

Elaine Davis

North Allegheny School District is considering changes to help reduce student stress. Two issues that were discussed were to change or eliminate "grade weighting" for honors classes in the high school and altering the start times for school.

The issue which has the greater impact on Hosack students immediately is changing the start times for the school day. Research has shown that high school students do much better if they do not start school before 8:30. Three proposals were put forth: Flipping the high school and elementary school start time, combining the middle school and high school start time or moving all the start times back by 1 hour. The Superintendent's office will be holding public meeting to discuss the issue in November. The time frame for implementing any changes would be for the 2018-2019 school year.

Here is an article we were provided to read about the science behind the issue:

http://www.kappanonline.org/later-start-time-for-teens/?utm_source=PDK+International&utm_campaign=7413bf1fe6-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2017_SUMMER5&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_867590cd6a-7413bf1fe6-30120941

7. Committee Reports

SOFTWARE:

Elaine Davis

Software- Thank you all for working with me to get the eblast announcements in by Monday evening. We have been experiencing some issues with delivery to some people. I am currently forwarding my copy of the blast for now to keep them informed while I track down the issue.

The website committee will hopefully be meeting soon to listen to a demo from membership toolkit, the company that most NA PFA's currently use. A website has also been created on wix which we can "tweak" if we decide that the membership toolkit package is not our best avenue.

EBLAST:

Elaine Davis

Asking that everyone try to get their information to me in a timely manner so that we can really keep the blasts to once a week. I know the common complaint of many parents was that their were too many blasts going out.

SPIRIT WEAR:

Robyn Mascari

Robyn will be going with the same company that Eileen used last year, Believe Kids. Sales will be the first two weeks in October (10/2-10/13). Delivery will be roughly 2-3 weeks later. Paper flyers due to ship 9/15 and should be at school by the 21st. They will be sorted and in the hands of the homeroom teachers 9/27/17. Here is the link: www.spiritgeardirect.com/GearDrive/Approve.

HOMEROOM PARENT COORDINATOR:

Stephanie Lucas

Homeroom parents for the 2017-2018 school year have been selected and informed of their duties for this year. Each homeroom parent is currently in the process of scheduling their classroom volunteers for parties and other events. They are also constructing classroom directories to help plan carpools, play dates, homework buddies when kiddos are sick, etc.

In order to provide a safe & consistent snack and beverage across grade levels, the PFA will be purchasing the snack and drink for the fall party. I would welcome a few extra hands to help me organize & distribute the snacks and drinks to each of the 17 homerooms on Monday, 10/30. If you are able, please call or text me at (412) 841-8887.

Lastly and at the request of Alice, I set-up a remind account for the Hosack PFA. I think this would be a great way of reminding families of dine-out deals, due dates for fundraisers & fees, class tie-dye days, etc. If you would like to join now, you can text the message @hosackp to the number 81010 on your cell. If you would like to be added as an admin, please let myself or Alice know.

YEARBOOK:

Kim Aggazio

Update: Hosack received free 'Quiet Testing' posters from Lifetouch as well as a personalized full size poster. I met w Betsy from Lifetouch and renewed our contract for two years to lock in last year's rate for this year and next. In addition, we kept the personalized cover option w students photo and name and get to select a free cover from the catalogue. I sent requests out asking for photos to be taking at KOK and set up a gmail account where these can be sent. Once school pictures are done, I will organize the yearbook order forms and get them out. And I am recruiting volunteers!

Volunteer for the Yearbook Committee

The yearbook committee needs your help to capture and preserve Hosack's best memories throughout the school year! Volunteers are needed to take pictures of parties and events, layout and design the yearbook, and manage ad space orders. Interested volunteers should contact Kim Aggazio at hosackyb@gmail.com for more information.

AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAMS:

Karen Rosella

- Chess has 24 kids signed up - we might have some late ones (we usually do)- Dance has 42 kids signed up - I expect the PFA to make a profit of about \$600 on the program

KIDSTUFF COUPON BOOKS:

Sherri Ginberg

Books were mailed last week, so we assume the will be arriving at school this week. She will be contacting the office Tuesday to confirm arrival. Do they stay in the volunteer office until they are distributed? When she was setting up With the Representative at Kidstuff, they used our past orders as reference. Books will be distributed September 18th and the end date is October 2nd. She will need volunteers to help package all bags to hand out to teachers. She will be putting the bags together the

week of the 11th. If anyone is interested in helping please feel free to call or email...412-726-1013 or snginsburg@gmail.com.

ASSEMBLIES:

Shelly Lannis

We had our beginning of the school year kickoff assembly, "Be a Super Hero, Be a Super Friend!" The students seemed to enjoy the assembly and there was quite a bit of audience participation.

Shelly completed the PFA Bulletin Board to coincide with this event.

For Diversity Awareness at Hosack Brandie Sunday, Shelly Lannis, Mrs. Mathieson along with other members of The School Climate Professional Learning Community are collaborating and are in the planning stages for a Diversity Day where Hosack Families will be invited to give a mini presentation on their particular culture, ethnic background, or whatever makes them unique.

The plan is to have the classrooms visit the presenters at various locations in the school.

More to come on this...

For the Spring, an Assembly will be planned for March- Reading in Our School's Month.

The Assembly Co-Chairs are hoping to bring in Gemini Theater

STAFF APPRECIATION:

Amy Laughlin

A special "thank you" to the 4th grade parents for their donations for the September Staff Appreciation treats! The PFA Staff Appreciation committee aims to provide a little "something extra" on at least a monthly basis for the wonderful staff of Hosack to remind them of how much they are appreciated. Each month, the committee requests items for donation from different subsets of the Hosack community. If you have any questions or would like to offer assistance, please contact Amy Laughlin (amyblaughlin@yahoo.com)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

ALICE RUMSBERGER

NA PFA/PTO Presidents meeting - 9/29/17

Mr Bob Bozzuto came to invite all Elementary School Students and Families to the 10/20/17 Varsity Football Game.

Karen Rosella will lead with the organization of this event (thank you!!). Highlights include \$2 tickets for students K-5 (presale) instead of \$5, \$8 game day ticket window price. Early entrance to game with opportunity for pictures with the NA Tigers and former Hosack Football players and cheerleaders, and able to run on field prior to kick off. More details to come!

After-school programs were discussed - working towards a way to compile information from various organizations that are interested in providing programming

Playground/pavilion updates and district renovation budget/plans. Playground updates seem that they won't be included in district renovations. Wendy brought up about applying for grants. She will check with a family member about organizations which help fund playgrounds. By Laws will be looked over by a Law Firm

Hosack Report

The officers met to align our current bylaws with what we are doing operationally, will be reviewed by an attorney at no cost and will be put forward to a vote.

Hosack Communication - Elaine Davis is working on our new PFA website and will review 'membership toolkit' offering in an effort to organized data and improve delivery of PFA information, thank you to Stephanie Lucas - we will be rolling the Remind App out to have text communication to parents who would also like to receive information via text.

Reminder that for Birthday's - there are two ways to celebrate your child's special day 1) Birthday Book through the Hosack Library 2) Buying a an indoor recess board game for your child's classroom.

North Allegheny Foundation Trick or Trot 5K and 1 miler will be October 28 Marshall Middle School campus. Early registration prices end Oct. 20. Register on the North Allegheny Website under NA Foundation

Thank you to all the committee chairs, volunteers, and staff for your time! Everyone makes a difference!

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

NOVEMBER PFA Meeting: Tuesday, November 7th, 9:15am