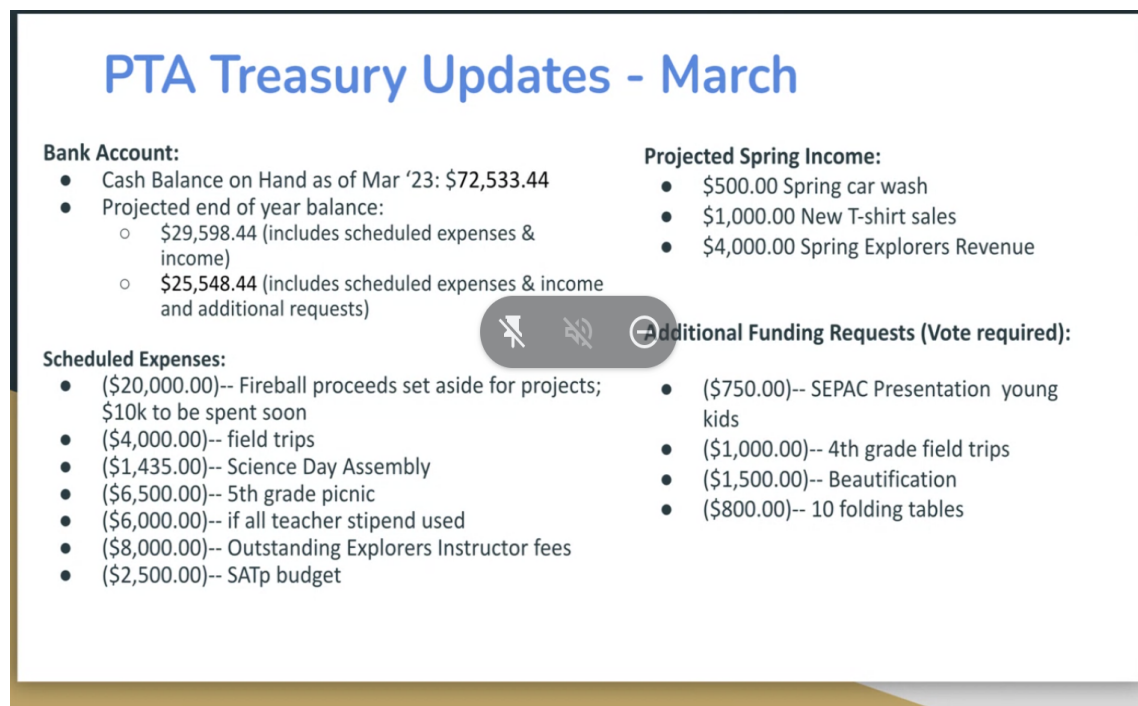


Hillside PTA/SATp Meeting
March 10, 2023 - 9:30am (virtual)

Reviewed & approved by PTA membership vote in 5/12/2023 PTA/SATp Meeting

- 1) Welcome
- 2) Approval of minutes from February 9, 2023 meeting (1 min) Minutes approved unanimously
- 3) PTA Treasurer's Report (10 mins)



PTA Treasury Updates - March

Bank Account: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● Cash Balance on Hand as of Mar '23: \$72,533.44● Projected end of year balance:<ul style="list-style-type: none">○ \$29,598.44 (includes scheduled expenses & income)○ \$25,548.44 (includes scheduled expenses & income and additional requests)	Projected Spring Income: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● \$500.00 Spring car wash● \$1,000.00 New T-shirt sales● \$4,000.00 Spring Explorers Revenue
Scheduled Expenses: <ul style="list-style-type: none">● (\$20,000.00)-- Fireball proceeds set aside for projects; \$10k to be spent soon● (\$4,000.00)-- field trips● (\$1,435.00)-- Science Day Assembly● (\$6,500.00)-- 5th grade picnic● (\$6,000.00)-- if all teacher stipend used● (\$8,000.00)-- Outstanding Explorers Instructor fees● (\$2,500.00)-- SATp budget	Additional Funding Requests (Vote required): <ul style="list-style-type: none">● (\$750.00)-- SEPAC Presentation young kids● (\$1,000.00)-- 4th grade field trips● (\$1,500.00)-- Beautification● (\$800.00)-- 10 folding tables

- i)
- b) Review of current financials -
 - i) Cash on hand \$72k checking, savins and Fireball proceeds
 - ii) Scheduled expenses and income . Projected end of year balance - \$29k, get to \$25,500 with approval of additional funding requests
- c) Membership vote on PTA funding additional items:
 - i) SEPAC Presentation Support-- \$750.00
 - ii) 4th grade field trips additional support \$1,000.00 (moves field trip funding from \$4k-\$5k)
 - (1) Went back to all grades to ask for interest in additional funding, 4th grade asked for \$1,000. Mr Hart has agreed to work with all teachers to find out FT budget for next year (estimate \$6k)
 - iii) Purchaser 10 folding tables for school-- \$800.00

- iv) Additional Beautification Budget– \$1,500.00
 - (1) Garden space along Hillside Ave. Worked with committee this summer into fall to get garden looking lovely. Have a proposal. Laur has idea to create outdoor classroom (insert link to presentation)
 - (2) Gated garden space with 5 tables with 5-6 raised beds and maybe a shed)
 - (3) Earth Day presentation for Sat. 4/22 planned
 - (4) Excited response from a few teachers (Bartol, Masuzzo, Senior/Gerdes)
 - (5) Benefits of outdoor classroom - increase school performance, SEL.
 - (6) Everything we've researched has been on low end of the cost
 - (7) Ask is to Raise budget from \$1000 to \$2500 to achieve this outdoor classroom/ground beautification vision
 - (8) Ask for next year is \$2300

ITEMS AND COSTS FOR SPRING 2023

Mulch	\$500
Pots by entrance planted in Spring/Summer	\$250
Flowers for bus door entrance and flower beds behind fence	\$500
New hose valve plus plumber (we have hose but current water spout is stripped and leaking from erosion. Need new installed)	\$200
(3) 8x3x1.9' Galvanized planters	\$412.50
Potting soil for 36 sq ft new planters = 18 bags approx 2cu ft	\$280
Landscape fabric for 980 sq feet	\$400

v)

SEPAC comment: Spoke with potential presenter. SEPAC is thinking that if Hillside will be the only school funding the presentation. Thinking about doing a during the school day assembly for the whole school, if district wide, would want support from other schools as well. Presentation geared toward K-5.

Q: Has SEPAC talked to PTAC about getting support from other schools?

A: Reached out to other schools liaisons, Bradford has expressed some interest, but still having the conversation. Haven't seen much enthusiasm from other schools.

Q: Nishuane will bring to the board to see if they want to support. What is the dollar amount you're asking for?

Hillside PTA will underwrite it.

Beautification:

Q: How much does this compare to Beautification budget from previous year.

A: Wish has always been to have a Grow Lab horticultural experience but that hasn't happened. Budget has been about \$500/year. Increased it in the beginning of the year. Also feels like there's been a change in the mentality of it - if school grounds are going to be nice, it's up to PTA parent community to maintain it.

A: Don't think it will require \$2500/year to maintain. Would be \$200 each visit to weed/maintain.

Comment: Regarding tables, recommend investigating outdoor picnic tables for outdoor lunch during COVID. Are they available for use? Can we have 5? Would save \$1100 from budget.

A: Justin will follow up on this.

Check with Ms. Gerdes who applied for MFEE grant for flexible seating (\$2k). Seating has arrived but not in use yet.

Useable work space.

All items approved unanimously.

Nominating Committee Update (10 mins)

Charged with reviewing bylaws, identify slate of candidates for nominations for next years PTA.

Excited to invite some new leadership for next year.

There are available slots for all 5 positions. There is opportunity for co-chair for any of these positions. We're here to give a plug for the opportunities. You can reach out to us directly or email the nominating committee email. Email us with questions/interest: nominatingcomm@hillsidepta.org

Trying to build back post-COVID. What that means is we're asking people how to stagger their talent. Understand folks are super busy, but we have a lot of magic to create at Hillside. Need strong people to decide what lane you want to be in.

Great existing executive board to make sure transitions are smooth. Will also work with admin to see if we can streamline calendar - not asking people to bite off more than you can chew.

4) Principal's Report (10 mins)

Question about Nishuane tour. Date has not been confirmed but there is a date in June.

Building and Grounds meeting this morning about door - Number 1 priority. Purchase order has been allocated and is out

Question about doing a presentation with the students. Maggie Dock, district HIB coordinator is planning an in class presentation (class to class) will take place in April. Will provide firm date and details about content. Invitation made for PTA to be part of planning a wider event - school wide assembly or town hall.

Will add as an item for future discussion. Stretched a little then. Will help out with planning of assembly.

Comment - Would love to offer up suggestions to include conversation about body image, group think.

Q: door swipe - what is the current policy while waiting for new door.

A: bottom of the door was broken. Door was not catching, locking properly. Dallas Anglin is walking through the building every 15 minutes. Propped open during recess so children can go in/out to bathroom, there is someone stationed at the door.

A: Had lengthy conversation with security staff, custodian to remind them that door should not be propped under any circumstances.

5) SATp Update (10 mins)

a) Recap of past months initiatives

i) Black History Month- February- Celebration Black Excellence_Hidden Histories in STEAM

(1) STEAM U, BrainPop, Doctor panel, Karen Lawson

ii) Hillside Cares Food Drive

(1) Support Toni's Kitchen & local organizations

- (2) 5 boxes and 20 bags collected for Toni's Kitchen
 - iii) Annual Skate Date Fundraiser- \$1,781.23 profit
 - b) Current initiatives
 - i) Women's History Month (March)
 - (1) League of Women Voters- History on Voting. Take home stickers
 - (2) Looking to drum up more participation for evening Zoom events
 - (3) Who inspires you? Flip Grid Series w/ Nishuane SATp
 - (a) Asking teachers, parents and students to report on
 - (b) On the FB page and will be in the e-blast today. Deadline will likely be extended
 - c) Upcoming initiatives
 - i) Healthy Bodies | Healthy Minds with Nishuane SATp (4/15) @ Nishuane field
 - ii) Video series to promote SATp - will also be posted on Nish's page to encourage incoming 3rd grade parents to volunteer
 - iii) Link to volunteer form to show interest:
<https://forms.gle/nCqn2iRAQxytMqWP9>
 - iv) There has been some interest in SATp among folks being broached for PTA exec board roles
 - d) Hillside Social Justice- Christina Wallace introduction
 - i) Activities and ideas in the weekly principals report email. Committees: Culturally responsive teaching, Amistad Curriculum training, People Institute for Survival and Beyond, Code switching/understanding cultural cues
 - ii) Document will be created with upcoming meeting and event dates. Once we check in with administration, teachers, etc. ask will be for financial support for this summer and next school year
- 6) SEPAC Update (5 mins)
 - a) Autism Awareness Month planning
 - i) A lot of teachers don't have current terminology.
 - ii) Put together an AA spirit week with prompts to inspire conversation - Will be week after Spring Break
 - iii) Autism acceptance book list, information sheet - would like to share with Hillside families - Watchung Booksellers will feature books
 - iv) Infinity symbol rather than puzzle piece - had every student decorate their own infinity symbol and made a large symbol

Q: Did you talk to admin about distributing materials.

A: Yes also want to promote through teachers to make sure it doesn't slip through the cracks. Christina will coordinate sending to Mara to make sure it's distributed.

C: Alix will send Stacie more info to include in Health & Wellness Fair.

7) President's Report (5 mins)

- a) Explores update and ask for help
 - i) In midst of winter session. Had about \$28k in income from this session. 13 scholarship requests (\$2k) + para support
 - ii) Will send this session with profit of \$3k, \$11k for the year
 - iii) Explorers needs someone to help with operations: tracking invoices, expenses, helping them figure out how to ensure that program continues to be successful, covering scholarships, generating income
- b) STEM+Families Festival
- c) Volunteers need for Teacher Appreciation items (end-of-the-year)
 - i) Luncheon, teacher appreciation week - need volunteers
- d) 4/30 STEAM and families festival: 3-5p @ Edgemont include all schools - does anyone want to help
- e) Group of volunteers across schools meeting regularly
- f) Don't have a flyer, but Justin will reach out. Will help cross post

8) PTA Calendar Review/Event Planning (10 mins) **UPDATE**

- a) Review volunteer needs for upcoming events:
 - i) [Event Volunteer Planning Doc](#)
 - ii) [SUG](#)
- b) Events underway– volunteers in place and planning/supporting
 - i) Science Day (3/31)
 - ii) Talent Show (4/14) - purely parent led
 - iii) Earth Day (4/22) - selling t-shirts to fundraise for beautification committee. Will need help with Cheddar Up for sales
 - iv) International Night (4/27) - collaboration with parents, teachers
 - v) 5th Grade Picnic (6/16) - will have call next week, more details to come. Date, location confirmed
 - vi) 5th Grade Yearbook - designed by 5th graders, Susan Gardner Zartman is helping. Ms. hart is also leading with Yearbook Aesthetics class

9) BOE/PTAC Updates (5 mins)

No BOE, PTA updates

Q: next year's budget. How does it work if we want to have an assembly around character and kindness as an example. Also, would we consider a spirit wear refresh.

A: Would decide on budget, put to a vote. Try to support everything we think is worthwhile. Cynthia Kibble working on spirit wear - connect with her. Agree that we need a refresh.

Generally want about \$20k in our bank account. Haven't done a lot of fundraising in the spring.

Q: Two updates on spirit wear - DOT looking to do new spirit wear as well. Who do we talk to about that?

A: AAPI is having a color run on 4/16 - slight competition between schools. If we have the biggest group, there is \$ coming back to PTAs.

A: Will be in the eblast. Touch base with Cynthia

Attendees

Edwyn Acevedo (Assistant Principal)

Joanna Carroll (Interim Principal)

Patricia Bachorz

Caitlyn Cade

Ana Cristina dos Santos

Alixandra Gould

Vivian Tang Hadis

Tsihai Hanson

Varsha Hathiramani

Stacie Hawes

Kendra Johnson

Laura Linn

Kim Marsh

Mendi Obadike

Bridget Placek

Christina Robinson

Lani Sommer-Padilla

Justin Taylor

Tawaina Turner-Dones

Christina Wallace

Josie Williams

Anita Fee Willis

Obie Miranda Woodley

Megan (Yardbird)

Caitlyn Yeykal