



PTO Officers/Executive Committee for 2015-16:

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Members: All parents and staff!!

Hall School PTO Meeting - February 10, 2016 - 6:30-7:30pm

Welcome! Please make sure you sign-in on the attendance sheet - thanks!

Agenda

- 1. Introductions & Welcome to new staff and parents**
- 2. Approve Draft Minutes** of January Meeting -- approved
- 3. Financials** update, 2015-16 Budget review, including Direct Appeal & Winterfest
 - Winterfest made approximately \$1500 (not a final total) after expenses
 - Direct Appeal brought in \$710 last month
 - All money being spent now was made last year and all money raised this year will be for next year
- 4. Officers & Newsletter writer for 2016-2017** - How to reach out?
 - Put something in newsletter about nominations or recommendations, as well as a breakdown of what it entails
 - Need newsletter writer for next year because Deb will be stepping down for the year
- 5. Hall Building Committee** Need to raise awareness for upcoming City Council vote & referendum. Also, FYI about Protect Our Neighborhood Schools
 - School Board voted for design and list of "extras" that come to \$1.3 million
 - City Council vote on February 17th -- will need people to email city councilors and ask for support
 - Referendum is April 5th -- will need people to help get the word out about it
 - Protect Our Neighborhood Schools came forward (non-Hall parents) came forward and supported our cause, which helped to prevent and lower any competition between schools that ultimately only lowers what everyone gets
- 6. Arts Enrichment & BLL Grants** - coordination of grades, committee
 - Bring Learning to Life grants -- grant program available to teachers for funding things that may not be funded normally
 - Mr. Dickerson's Lego Robotics program and Ms. Litman's owl pellet/bird unit were the only two grant applications submitted this year -- both were approved
- 7. Potential Pilot Swim Program**



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- Portland Rec received a grant to start a swim program for 2nd and 3rd graders. 6 weeks of swim lessons for about an hour and a half, including travel time
- Cost is \$3000 and Hall (Dawn) is asking for the PTO to cover half of that cost
- APPROVED unanimously by all present at meeting

8. Clubs - Lego & others - how to set up?

- After-school club where kids come in for one hour per week and they could build a themed project or free-build
- Biggest hurdle is collecting materials for the club -- used legos are perfectly okay
- Possibly write appeal letter to Lego asking for donation?
- Drop off to Mr. Dickerson
- Possibility for Donors Choose grant or using Freecycle
- Goodwill by the Pound might be a good option for getting supplies

9. Spring Fundraiser

- Ghost of Paul Revere (Ms. Sherry's son is in the band)
- Audrey did a ton of work with venues to find out who was available on specific dates and we found a venue (Empire) but now we're waiting for the band's final approval
- Empire is donating their space for April 2nd and Italian Heritage Center has offered a lower-than-normal rate for their space on certain date(s)
- May need a backup band for this date if GoPH can't do it

10. Spirit Wear - OK to purchase more?

- Went over what we need and why.. no final decision made

11. Hall's Caring Community: Locker Project, Holiday family "baskets", Clothing donations

- Skipped due to time constraints

12. Upcoming Dates:

Thursday, February 11 - 6:30 - Protect Our Neighborhood Schools Meeting at Reiche

Sunday, March 13th - Red Claws Game (\$15, proceeds benefit PTO)

Monday, March 9 - 6:30 - PTO Meeting

March - Meeting to plan next year's Hall 5K!

Week of 3/28-4/1- Conferences & Book Fair (early release days 3/31 & 4/1)

Monday, April 11 - 6:30 - PTO Meeting

Wednesday, May 18th - 6pm - Hall Night at Sea Dogs!