# Attendees

Courtney Cratty, Jess Manger, Sarah Dailey, Kat Copeland, Jenn Lemaire, Kristen Deluco, Kim Laster, Kara Herbertz, Susan Garcia, Meredith L’Hommedieu, Kathy Konno, Rosanne Peterson, Ashley Boudo, Kaitlyn Smith, Kira Campbell, Sarah McBride

# Agenda

## Introduction and Roll Call

* Courtney Cratty called the meeting to order
* Introductions
* Reviewed mail goals

## Principal’s Update

* Kyle Grady came for the second part of the meeting
* Hale has open house on Thursday of this week
* Goal for this year is to build a more robust after school activity culture
* In order to run a successful program, Mr. Grady believes that the school needs to provide a late bus
* Superintendent Clenchy has given permission for Mr. Grady to explore what the cost and logistics would be to run a late bus
* Mr. Grady is looking to the PTO to inform what activities would be successful at Hale and if there are any parents that would be willing to supervise

## Officer Updates

Co-Chairs

* Courtney Cratty reviewed the meetings that took place over the summer with Kyle Grady (new Hale principal) and Ross Mulkerin (Center principal)
* Mr. Mulkerin made the board aware that Center is in need of new recess equipment, Mrs. Bakiel is requesting equipment for an after school coding club, and the administration is planning to create a raised bed community garden (Mr. Mulkerin will share more information at the October PTO meeting)
* Kristen DeLuco requested volunteers for hearing and vision screenings that will take place in October
* Coffeepond will be taking school pictures on October 11 at Center and October 13 at Hale

Treasurer

* Kara Herbertz reported that the budget was set and approved for the year, very similar to last year
* Kara put in the hydroponics order for Mrs. Mayotte after it was approved by Mr. Mulkerin
* Kara also placed and received an order for the new playground equipment
* Kara and Kyla will be meeting at the end of the week to review finace
* Kara will be reaching out to Deb to request that she complete taxes for this year

Fundraising

* Jen Morhous is planning on doing a Color Run for Hale’s fundraiser
* There will be a suggested donation per family and the student will get a color run t shirt
* T shirts will also be available for purchase separately
* Looking to schedule this for a half day in the spring – April 6
* This is not a fundraising year for Center
* Jen is also looking into running a gift card fundraiser leading up to the holidays at Center and Hale
* Spiritwear is on hold until Center decides on a new mascot

Website/Directory

* First year doing directory solely on the website rather than printing a paper copy for families
* Sarah Dailey is seeing that very few families are updating teacher and grade information
* Artwork has no deadline, Sarah will post on website as student artwork comes in
* Sarah has fully taken over all aspects of being webmaster from Jen Morhous and Kristen DeLuco
* Sarah will call Paperless PTO to see if there is a way to alter the directory data to make the font smaller and to keep family/student data together on the same page; if there is no way to do so, Sarah will create a PDF file with directory information

## Committee Updates

Picnic

* June 6th, Rain date June 7th

Staff Appreciation

* Always looking for new volunteers
* Takes place at the beginning of May

Fifth Grade Graduation

* trying to keep this as a small and simple event
* looking for fourth grade parents to run so that fifth grade parents can enjoy the event

Eighth Grade Graduation

* Looking for seventh grade parents to organize so that eighth grade parents can enjoy the event

Social

* Halloween dance – Jenn Lemaire and Kaitlyn Smith already started planning; date is set October 27th 3-5pm
* Talking about having people at the door so that students aren’t leaving the building
* Discussed having a sensory friendly area/quieter area – maybe crafts
* Will need more volunteers so that these issues can be addressed
* Will sell entrance again through the website
* Social committee is also talking about planning a movie night

Arts Buffet

* March 3rd
* Rosanne brought Arts Council grant paperwork to complete with Kara for last year’s Arts Buffet

Wishing Snowflakes

* Last year PTO used a new website (Teacherslist.com) for teachers to create their holiday wishlists
* Will use this website again

Lip Sync

* Kat Copeland volunteered to chair and would like a co-chair

Arts & Cultural

* Kat Copeland is the overall coordinator
* Kara will send the updated spreadsheet to Kat
* Kat will confirm teacher contacts with Mary and confirm that previous year’s grade level coordinators are still interested

Project Prep

* Kim Laster transitioned her role as coordinator to Pam Marshall

Box Tops

* April Sears continues to organize this program

## New Business

* Discussed possibility of having a PTO table at the open houses
* Mr. Grady offered to share with the Hale families that there are committee openings
* Mr. Grady also offered to set up a few Chromebooks open to the PTO website so that parents can update their directory information at the Open House
* Courtney asked for volunteers for both open houses
* Kindergarten open house is at the end of the month
* All current officers were nominated, seconded and voted in for the 2017-2018 school year

Next Meeting Monday October 16 at 7pm at Center Science Room

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