

September 7, 2011
JM Hill PTO General Board Meeting

Motion to approve minutes from last meeting -

Miss Leonard
2nd Kamish Jones

Guest Speaker – Officer Feinberg from the District Security Police Dept.

Offers Fingerprinting services for students. Gives kids a positive outlook on police. They fingerprint, you keep for your files. Call and make appointment, 424-8500 x3403 Also offers Internet Safety – awareness for children, ways to avoid predators. Bullying – Internet Bullying. Seat Belt Program-“The Back is Where it’s at!”

Principal’s Report - Welcome everyone – Great turnout at meeting, we are off to a good start. NWEA testing K-5 is starting soon. It tests Math and Reading skills.

Club Advisor – Mrs. Gress, Lego Club - Started last year for 3rd, 4th and 5th grades. It is very popular. 1st and 2nd grades will be included this year as well, grade levels will be rotated on a monthly basis, usually on a Monday. More information will be sent out soon.

Recording Secretary - Announced new board for 2011-2012 year

President – Carrie Panepinto
1st VP – Sapphire Serrano
2nd VP – still vacant
Corresponding Secretary – Leslie Arrington
Recording Secretary – Nancy Robilotta
Treasurer – Cathy Gallagher

Teachers Report - Looking forward to a great year, reach out to your child’s teacher with any issues or questions.

Presidents Report - Need committees for events for the school year. Please sign up!

Harvest Festival coming up Oct 22nd, Rain date Oct 29th
Scholarship Committee
Social Membership – to make calls to parents

New this year, if you come to 3 PTO meetings and volunteer two times, you get a \$5 refund on your child’s yearbook. Plus you will get a PTO member card and that will allow you discounts for functions throughout the year

1st Vice President - Book Fair coming up. Please always include tax on orders. Breakfast with Books postponed until 12-10-11. Holiday Festival – Need vendors! Will have Santa, Book Fair and Holiday shop.

2nd Vice President Position currently vacant. Plans fundraisers. All are set for this year already, so new 2nd VP would just coordinate for the year. We are ordering planners for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, Great American Fundraiser starting tomorrow. If your child sells 15 items, they can get a limo ride to lunch (pizza). Oct 20th will be pickup date. McDonald's night will be 9-20-2011 from 4-7. Many teachers have already signed up. We get 20% of what is sold that night. Yearbook club – 4th & 5th graders, teacher recommendations. PTO Email – jmhillschoolpto@gmail.com. Can sign up to have flyers emailed to you Facebook page – JM Hill Elementary PTO. Please indicate child's name and teacher on your friend request

Treasurers Report - New balance a/o 8-4-11 was \$11,390.71. PTO pays for all field trips, assemblies. Reviewed Budget for 2011-2012 school year, increased budget for field trips Weis Receipts – Keep, they never expire. We do competitions for the kids during the year, so save them to submit. Box Tops – Keep. We do competitions for these as well. Target Card – can log on to pay bill and add JM Hill School. They will donate 5-10% back to our school. This gets deposited into Student Activities account, any purchases from this account must be spent directly on the children.

Motion to approve the Budget –

Ann Osbun
2nd Robert Bedard

Old Business None

New Business - Parent suggested an Art Festival in spring like Resica does. Mrs. Arnold and Miss Leonard explained Resica has grants for this and works directly with ESU, and must adhere to strict guidelines for their activities. We do other things involving the kids such as the chorus singing at the Holiday Festival, and art is posted for Back to School Night.

Parent suggested Fundraiser request for “The Queen’s Treasures”, a Virtual Tea party. PTO does not have to do anything, email goes out and if parents want to purchase anything, they get 10% off, plus 15% of proceeds go back to the PTO in a check. Giving information to Carrie.

Motion to adjourn:

Sapphire Serrano
2nd Robert Bedard