**Hollis Elementary PTA Meeting**

**November 15, 2016**

Start Time: 10:05 AM

Location: HUES Cafeteria

Attendees: Cassandra Vorisek-Creto, Amy Kellner, Alexis Brooks, Sarah Constantine, Candi Fowler, Nicole Tomaselli, Katrin Moffroid, Davi Peters, Melanie White, Maryanne Shanley, Jennifer Sund

Call to order- Cassandra V.

Approval of last meeting minutes- Motion: Amy Kellner Seconded: Alexis Brooks

**Treasurer’s Report**: Amy K. addressed the monthly roll forward. Halloween Fun Fair and Staff requests accounted for. Live Auction at LaBelle Winery announced for April 1, 2017!

Green Pad and membership delays exist but could be held by student delivery.

**Principal’s Report**: HPS: Nicole Tomaselli reading notes for Paula Izbicki

Heather P. announced as the new secretary at HPS. December 9th: coffee talk with the administrator will focus on the new Learning Commons and Maker Space. Thanksgiving canned food drive is going well. Students donate food and add a leaf to the tree. Ends this week!

Treb Day was a hit!!! Thank you to the PTA for funding the buses and gathering tents (weather). Future request from Mr.O probable for easy up tents! The high school kids were commended for all of their work and interactions with the younger children! Next year, the younger kids may participate in building some of the targets.

**Principal’s Report**: HUES: Candi Fowler

“Thank you” for the “He Said, She Said” program. Kids loved it.

Mock elections were fun for the kids. Town extended the use of real voting booths. Children were enthusiastic debaters which became a great learning tool!

School Pictures- Various packages are being reviewed.

Geography bees are finishing up while Spelling Bees are soon to start.

Request for Auction funds to go towards IPads for the 4th and 5th grade. They are in the budget for next year (2017-2018) which is currently being worked on.

Hollis Women’s Club: Betsy C. Discussion of the Kindergarten bus run. $1600 bill for this year and only $500 was budgeted. They are considering pulling back from the Kindergarten bus run next school year. The club is interested in seeking more members. They do have babysitting money set up to help draw a younger group of women. Meetings are the 2nd Wednesday of each month. Trick or Treat for UNICEF was just completed, and they are looking forward to the December 10 luminary event! There is the Pinwheel Project in April which may coincide with the Parent Talks scheduled.

**Volunteer Coordinator’s Report: Alexis Brooks**

State PTA Convention was discussed.

Halloween Fun Fair: Saturday October 21, 2017. Haunted House may open at 3:30pm/ lights out at 6pm. Earlier start may help to alleviate lines and delays. Pre haunted house organization is needed (i.e. dance party) to help control the chaos.

**Other Business:**

**Reflections Program:** Up and running! Hollis has been noted as to having a great turn out for this program from the primary through high school levels.

**Math Olympiad:** Assistance for a book purchase being asked for in the amount of $129 +-. Vote for the purchase of this book. Motion: Cassandra 2nd: Alexis (no one opposed)

**Veteran’s Day Programs**: A ceremony was held at each school. Some confusion for the Hospitality Committee as HPS usually holds the Veteran’s Day event and HUES holds the Memorial Day event. After everything was sorted out, the Veteran’s really enjoyed the events. Next year there will be a possibility of seeking out younger military service men and women to participate and honor.

**Toy Sale:** November 19th! Still requesting toy donations!

**Parent Talks**: Well received! 23 adults / 17 kids attended!

**Boston Red Sox:** Noted that they hold a program (STEM) for schools to participate. It is held during the school day and concern was brought forward over the amount of children in total attendance.

**Auction Update:** Meeting held the first Tuesday of each month. Next meeting: 12/6/16

**School Supplies:** Survey is being created and will go out to the parents for feedback. It would be used as a fundraiser charging $5-$7 plus the cost of supplies. Supplies would be purchased in bulk and via other methods that may reduce the cost. More info will be provided after the survey results are in.

**School Start Time:** Committee reviewing the options for the school start times. They are looking to receive feedback on the school day start times for the various ages.

**Meeting Adjourned**: 11:11 AM