

Minutes from Hillside HSAC Meeting March 8, 2017

In Attendance:

Michael Kascak

Todd Pomerantz

Shelly Santaniello

Debbie Greiff

Andrew Hall

Robert Kirschner

1. Michael asked if there were any building concerns. Debbie and Shelly responded that they have seen a vast improvement in the rodent situation and have not seen any mice lately. Shelly added that she still has a problem with the air blower in her room and that it blows cold air even on cold days. Andrew responded that it may be the *actuator* and it will be checked and replaced if necessary.
2. Debbie said that students have been seen digging in the sand near the playground chain. There has been some erosion of the topsoil and the students are enjoying the gullies. The recess monitors wanted to make sure that the soil was safe for the students to dig. Todd said that, once again, the compounds in the soil are in the ground water that is deep below where any of the children are digging; therefore, it is fine for the students to dig during recess.
3. Michael brought up the *Social Media Discussion*, which was held at the Hillside PTC meeting on March 7, 2017. It was well attended with about 75 parents and addressed topics such as flat screen addiction, online stranger danger, and how the flat screen frenzy is messing with children's brain development. Michael stated that one of the biggest things that came out of the evening is that students are having their sleep disrupted due to calls and texts while they are trying to sleep. Suggestions were made to get the cell

phones and other devices out of the children's bedrooms and allow them to sleep soundly. Our group discussed the Needham Ipad program and how this teaches the students responsible online behavior. Michael added that Maria DeCicco, the media teacher, teaches the Digital Citizenship program twice a year to Hillside students.

4. The next meeting will be May 10 @ 6:15. (If needed we can have a meeting April 5.). We will review the list of new ALICE emergency protocols in addition to any other pertinent concerns.