

## PTO Meeting September 6, 2016

Came to Order at 7:03

Participants: Laura Temple Wesley, Amy Soumar, Scott Webb, Diana Leonard, Sophia Viaforte, Terri McConville, Ester Lopez, Rekha Rajkumar, Maureen Spain, Dave Gulbransen, Christina Ryan, Claire Schnizline, Kristen Comm, Elizabeth Cruz, Christine Reeds, Keisha Warner, Kathy Dull, Tammy Adkins, Mary Furman, Gerrienne Hartman, Lori Robert, Gayla Morales, Julie Burwell, Megan Galeena, Laurie Connelly, Janet Wright, Jennifer Harte, Danielle Costanzo

Welcome and Introductions:

May 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principal's Report

Ms. Warner shared that communication occurs on Tuesday. She handed out the Principal report for review. She reported hiring one new teacher for this school year, Ms. Freall, early childhood special education. Ms. Warner discussed the school/district is returning to two lunch periods. There are new district-wide initiatives - Second Step curriculum (piloted at Whittier), Eureka math, Foss Science, and writing units of study. She mentioned that WISE has a lot of space in classes. The need for volunteers for lunch time was raised.

Treasurer's Report

No budget was created for the first meeting. The budget will be presented at the next meeting. There is a surplus. Discussed maybe two checking accounts. Went over for new attendees some of the activities the PTO funds.

Leadership Slate

PTO is looking for an Olympic Day chair. The PTO role includes ordering and supervising pizza lunch and passing out popsicles. Megan Galeena and Julie Burwell volunteered to co-chair.

PTO is also looking for a year book chair. An idea was generated that year book could be club/committee and supervised by a teacher.

Library Budget

Laurie Conley informed PTO that the library budget used to be \$4000 but was cut in half by the district. In previous years, PTO provided support through birthday books. The book fair provides support and materials to the library. Laurie shared she uses the budgeted money to provide nonfiction books and materials for teachers and students for learning in the classroom. Ideas were raised to make up the difference such as funding the gap with a line item as well as

let parents donate such as Donors Choose. PTO agreed to review budget and discuss again next month.

#### Fundraising

Letters will go out asking for beginning of the year PTO Donations this week. Fun Run kick off will be September 21 and letters will go home that day.

#### Parent Engagement

The attendance at the New Family Picnic doubled. The committee is working on ways to simplify/organize volunteering including data base, hard copy, and electronic sign up on-line. They went over signup.com. They also discussed PTO liaison role indicating the objective as disbursing emails to individual classrooms. A sign up sheet for this roles was passed around. The potential of Curriculum night as an opportunity to answer questions was discussed and volunteers were solicited. The volunteer potluck will occur on September 23.

The pool referendum was discussed. The PTO council has sponsored providing information in the past.

#### Teacher grants

There are various ways to submit application for grants. The PTO discussed that guidelines might need to be examined.

Concluded at 8:35.

Next meeting will be October 4.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary