

PTO Meeting January 10, 2017

Came to Order at 7:00

Participants: Kate Haarvei, Keshia Warner, Meagan Roskos, Annie Darley, Jason Lukehart, Janet Wright, Leslie Weiss, Katie Tomlinson, Steph Thomas, Christine Reeds, Lori Robert, Jenn Harte, Melissa Marknez, Elizabeth Cruz, Sofia Villafuerte, Shayla Bell, Destinie Brannigan, Scott Webb, Brian Wojcik, Amy Soumar, Esther Lopez, Marcus Croom

Welcome and Introductions:

November 2016 Meeting Minutes

Minutes Approved

Principal's Report

Principal Warner encouraged spreading the word to have parents complete the 5 Essentials survey for the school. This is the time period to collect information from parents, students, and teachers. She also discussed improving student attendance as a focus for the district and the school. Vision Screenings will occur on Friday for the grades identified to complete the screenings. She also announce a new lunchroom supervisor, Bonnie Saia.

Treasurer's Report

Laura discussed the decision to move from Quicken to QuickBooks to better manage accounts and finances. She also discussed improving the checking account to be able to move money for certain business needs. There will be two checking accounts for the PTO. She reported that events have done well this year and the PTO's budget is on track.

Speaker

Brian Wojcik presented on the Identify-a-Kid Event for the PTO to consider. He asked for date and a co-sponsor if the PTO is interested. He proposed the idea of a safety day. The event will provide opportunities for families to create an identifying information card for the family to have for emergencies. His company will handle all the costs of the event. Mr. Wojcik said he would need ten weeks to organize event and the event would take three hours. The PTO agreed to review materials and decide at February meeting whether to proceed with the event.

Committee Updates

Fundraising

Movie Night – This event went well. Attendance was low but students had a good time. There are plans for another movie night on Friday February 10. The focus of the event was to build community

Second Annual Trivia Night – This is an adult only event and it will be on February 4 at 7 pm at the 19th century club. Bartenders were volunteers. MC for event will be Lisa Labuz again. Last year there was a live auction which raised a lot of revenue. The committee is looking for more items (at least three) for the live auction. They will put out a request for volunteers soon for the event. News of the event is in the digital backpack and a flyer went home today. Tickets are \$20 per person. Teams are comprised of eight individuals.

Teacher Grants

One large grant for eight to ten teachers was requested for the ESGI on-line assessment system for reading and math. \$1500. Approved.

Julie Dunn requested linking cubes to support New Eureka Math curriculum. \$89.58. Approved

WISE

WISE filled all classes this session. Registrations finished this morning. WISE is financially doing well.

Leadership Slate/Event Chairperson Review

Passed out current list to look at openings and having individuals think about last year

Old Business

One Book One School

Annie Darley discussed the event. It consists of Kindergarten through fifth grade reading a book together. PTO has assisted financially with cost of the book in the past. During the event all grades talk about the book at the same time. This year Scholastic dollars will not be used. The event starts March 1 and ends before Spring Break. The PTO discussed how to collect money for the books. Ideas consisted of a flyer, a money meter and Thank You board, and possibly pairing the event with a fundraiser.

World Language

The classes have started. They are offering French (19 students – 2 classes) and German (12)

Refugee Project

The refugee camp simulation will occur on Friday. Third through fifth graders will visit 5 stations. Also collections for refugees will open that day. The event will start in morning. Volunteers are needed 8 to 11:15. Contact Whittierrefugeeproject@gmail.com or Steph Thomas.

Concluded at 8:35.

Next meeting will February.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jennifer Harte

Secretary