

PTO Meeting Notes: 9/11/18

Attendees:

Maureen Ferrick
Jane Carlton
Jenna Dickson
Nicole Wincek
Melissa Schmidt
Christine Sobczak
Kim Lane
Cari Shamberg
Kelly Melzer
Ginny Hiltz
Kimberly Farrell
Nicole Woods
Marie Junkmann
Molly Brown
Nicole Frain
Christine O'Malley
Jenn Turk
Jenny Sciortino

Meeting Began at 8:50 a.m.

PTO Council Update:

- Summer School Went Well at Westmoor- considering having younger grades at Westmoor next summer
 - o NBJH will be 5th-8th
 - o Looking to pilot next summer
- NBJH has new generator and carpet
- Greenbriar has new trees and they filled in areas that get swampy
- 26 staff hired. 13 focused on IEP students

PTO News:

- Back to School lunch was well received- the best that staff has experienced
- Ann and Erin not here :
 - o Greyhound gathering 9/26 5-6:30 p.m.
 - o Planning similar activities- petting zoo, The Dugout, Josh's will sell food on site, bouncy obstacle.
 - o Beavers donuts (food truck from Highwood)- coffee, hot chocolate, ninja turtle. Tug of war- Princesses might come.
 - o Teacher Raffles: Can Raffle off activity- whatever money earned goes into teacher fund. Looking for another person to help her. Kim Lane will help- decided at the meeting.

- Guaranteed raffle- put ticket in a jar or guaranteed raffle: e.g. pay \$100 and get guaranteed.
- Picture Day:
 - 1 more volunteer needed for the morning
- Committees are Looking light-need to increase
- Book Fair
 - Need help 16th, 17th, 18th
 - Wednesday and Thursday- set up should be Wednesday after lunch and go through conferences 3:30-7:00 p.m.
 - Need to confirm set up at 1:00 p.m. on the 17th!
 - 17th lunch in classrooms- room will be available for set up on the 16th/17th.
- Volunteer to interview and slate board of education: 3 up for reelection. 9 last time
 - Reviewing applications
 - Meet as a group to interview
 - Fill out evaluate forms
 - How Many Candidates to Interview
 - Be Part of the Caucus
 - Julie Weinberg handling this.
- Principals Report:
 - Paramedic Call- Fire lane was clear- Successful from safety perspective
 - Week of Thanksgiving- Trained by 4E retired police and military- St. Louis has done this. Staff will be informed with different ways to respond to a crisis: how to barricade doors, etc, and help police have time to get to the school. All staff involved.
 - Bus evacuation day and 2 more required fire drills to come.
 - Staff cannot provide email lists for classroom. Room parents need to communicate through the teachers. If they are already in the directory, they have given ok to be listed.
 - Teachers can give the class list if they get ok from parents ahead of time
 - Curriculum Night:
 - Great Feedback on the dual sessions
 - Teachers liked the new way as well- all but 3 didn't prefer
 - Good Turn out for new parent meeting.
 - Possibly could do a sign up in advance with parents to see which session parents will attend
 - Teacher Grants:
 - New Playground is a big hit!
 - Tether Ball lasted longer than expected- may rotate them and clip in and clip out. It has incurred damage over the weekends.
 - Everything is in and in the classrooms- sensory garden will be built this Fall. 3 raised beds- sight, touch, smell. Kids will help in the planting.
 - 3 D Printing
 - Teacher Report:

- Teachers are thrilled about the grants
 - Staff is super appreciative
 - PAWS for Kindness- Manners Round 2
 - Seeing success and kids are getting the manners. During 1st week of school over 1,100 paws given out
 - Lunch was great for welcome back: Panera choices for everyone
- Greyhound Packs:
 - Every full-time staff has a pack- student will be in the pack all of the way throughout Greenbriar. Each year, someone will join. Pack will meet 5 times this year. 8-10 kids in a pack.
- Security Meeting (Ginny):
 - Redoing Crisis Flip Chart
 - Exterior Feedback- Some of the Planters removed
 - Fencing: Quote to finish fencing with a gate and finished with bushes. This is with Larry going to the facilities committee- looking to hopefully complete in Fall
 - Back lighting in the parking lot by Kid Care
 - New Safety Signs
- Field Trips:
 - Field Trips for the whole year- need to be completed by end of September which are PTO funded.
 - 2nd, 4th, and 5th still waiting on them
 - Everything will go through Debbie first and then to Kim (rep)
- Melissa:
 - May lump everything together next year with fees.
 - Teacher dues can be given to Debbie
- Spirit Wear:
 - Orders are in- Working with Brett Schwartz- Semper Fi!
 - 14 Water Bottles, 7 socks left from last year.
- Pizza Day:
 - Pizza Day- Want to Change the day for cutoff to Sunday.
 - Cash the Day of is making it difficult from a pizza perspective.
 - Easier to have emailed lists rather than paper.
 - Make this effective in October! Online paper only!- Debbie will send out
- Art Adventure:
 - New classroom lessons coming out this year- last year of doing 6 cultural events all at once
 - 2 events in future: K-2 and then 3-5- will get one. Will help cut down the stress
 - This year looking to swap dates with 1st and 5th- May look to explore Egypt.
 - Food going away down the line with more dynamic performances.
 - 4th and 5th grade classroom teachers

- Afternoon for classroom lessons
 - 5th grade- November 16th!
 - Kindergarten- January 25th
 - 2nd-February 8th
 - 4th- October 26th
- Jane- Committee (need to bulk up some of the committees)
 - Book Fair Needs Help
 - Family Service Night
 - All District Night
 - Photo Historian
 - Google Drive Set Up getting photos
 - Grade Rep should collect pictures and then get to the Google drive
 - Cari Raymond needs this spot for 1 year!
- Treasurer:
 - Reminder to watch spending – use expense form when turning in expenses.
- Birthday Signs:
 - Birthday signs for teachers-
- Meeting minutes approved!!
- Meeting Ended 10:45 AM

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