

PTA meeting minutes - 9/13/16

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Principal's Report

- Welcome.
- Thank you to new officers and outgoing officers.
- She met with Emily over the summer to discuss new upcoming events.
- Welcome new parents to the PTA.
- There are 55 new kindergarteners. They are getting used to the routine.
- In the cafeteria, students are working towards an all smiles reward. Whichever class has the most stickers at the end of each month wins the reward.
- A buddy bench was added in June. The rules and purpose were discussed with each class during lunch.
- The summer reading assembly will be on September 30th. Packets are due tomorrow. If the students win the reward, Mrs. Osterhoudt will work on the roof of the school for a day.
- Open house is on the 20th. Kindergarten through second will be from 6pm-7pm. Third through fourth will be from 7:15pm-8:15pm.
- There is excitement about spirit days and other activities planned by the student government. Speeches by the candidates will be next Friday, and elections will be held the following Monday. The classroom representative campaigning and elections will follow.
- The kindness committee is recruiting new members. They are putting on skits.
- The evacuation drill is scheduled for September 29th. Fire drills and lockdown drills are mandated and planned. There are 12 drills required per year, 4 of them are lockdown drills.

- If parents have any concerns throughout the year, they can contact the teachers and plan conferences. They can also contact Mrs. Osterhoudt.

Motion to approve June minutes by Tricia. Seconded by Jill.

President's Report

- Welcome and thank you for coming.
- We held an executive meeting on Sunday to establish goals for the year.
- We are working on improving communications through Facebook and email. We will be utilizing websites and apps for volunteer signups.
- On the agenda for tonight, we will go over committee vacancies. PTA membership, Fundrun, school pictures, and Halloween social committees need to be established as soon as possible.
- Surveys were sent to teachers to determine their needs and gain information to pass along to the parents.

Vice President's Report

- Welcome. Hope everyone felt well-received.
- A fundraising committee will be formed to organize box tops, tools for schools, hannafor helps, and any new ideas. We need to look into amazon and target rewards. Labels for education program ended but we still have points we can use.
- We make babysitting a goal for every meeting. We use key club volunteers, but others high students needing to fulfill volunteer hours for other organizations are welcome.

Treasurer's Report

- Introduction and proposed budget.

- In the first column, the top of the list are activities and items that we spend money on. The bottom of the list are activities and items that we use for fundraising. The second column is last year's proposed money amounts. The third column is a reporting of actual money spent and raised last year. The fourth column is the newly proposed amounts for this year.
- Adjustments were made to yearbook, field trips, 6th grade gifts, and Miscellaneous.
- We expect more fundraising money coming in from hannaforde helps.
- Coser is grant money that comes from boces. We match the amount and use it for assemblies throughout the year.
- There is a proposal to increase the money needed for 6th grade gifts. Jill motioned, Tricia seconded, and the motion was carried.
- There will be a budget vote next meeting after a few adjustments are made.

Committee Signups

- PTA membership needs a chair as soon as possible. Raj volunteered. For open house, volunteers are needed to work the membership table. Janice Knickerbocker volunteered for first shift. Other volunteers still needed. Class with most membership signups will receive a token reward.
- Signup sheets for volunteers went home in the review.
- School pictures are September 19th and April 7th. Karen needs a list of volunteers for the upcoming fall pictures. Anyone interested in volunteering, see Allison after the meeting.
- Fundrun packets went home on the 9th. They are due back on the 23rd. Multiple sponsors are lined up for the t-shirts. \$100 per sponsor. It is a color run. Volunteers are needed to mix the colors and help out on that day. Wristbands will be given to those with permission to be sprayed with color.
- The Halloween event is an updated event. A survey was launched for interest in the event. There is currently no chair. A trunk or treat was proposed and was explained by Emily. It is scheduled for 10/28 from 6:30pm to 8pm with a raindate approved tentatively. The trunk or treat will be held in the new lot and bus circle. Vehicles must be registered with a possible fee. The PTA can still do their own activities on the sidewalk and in the field. The regular lot will still be used for parking. There is limited

lighting from the parking lot and school. Other lighting would have to be provided. A photo of a trunk or treat was displayed along with survey results. Some raised concerns over weather and loss of social, while others showed interest in the new idea. Jill motioned to approve trunk or treat, Tricia seconded, and the motion passed with a vote.

Comments

- Be sure to hand in all voucher forms to Marcy with receipts.
- Specify that volunteers needed for 6th grade graduation should be 5th grade parents.
- Kristy Hults interested in volunteering for chair of trunk or treat.

Christina motioned to adjourn. Kelly seconded the motion.