

## PTA Meeting Minutes

October 10, 2017

### Attendance

Karen Stoner	Marissa McNall	Zania Patterson
Adrienne Cheers	Kevin Cropper	Stefanie Rosti
Leonie van Hemert	Amy Gigler	Kelly Housein
Kathy Alfonso	Anna Fulbright	Sue Benzing
Joanna Masters	Erin Morris	Khaalis H. Hall
Madeline Diep	Bryan Carbol	Laura Hettinger
Khalilah Hall	Debra Zick	Heather Weeks
Kim Currano	Nicole Alston	Sheila Rowe
Artis Wilkes	Branden Mueller	Miss Secula
Dr. Holden		

Welcome -President- Karen Stoner—meeting called to order at 7:06pm

- Update on Boosterthon planning- Event activities begin November 6. This will be the big fundraiser for PTA this year. Festivities will culminate in a run on November 15<sup>th</sup>. It happens on that date; rain or shine. K-2 will run together; followed by 3-5.
- We have fundraised more than half the cost of the kids t-shirts- \$1500 (we need \$2000). We have until 10/18 to finalize the order, so if you know of a company that could help us out with a sponsorship so we can add their logo.

Administration Report – Dr. Holden and Ms. Secula

- MAP testing continues through Oct. 16<sup>th</sup>
- Fidos for Freedom will be doing assemblies this month
- Halloween party and parade on Tuesday, Oct. 31<sup>st</sup>. Parade will begin at 2:45 with parties to follow. Treats will be: Oreos, grapes and water.
- Fire drills are going well so far. Just needed to remind kids not to talk during drills
- A teacher from Columbine H.S. spoke at the last Principals meeting. It was a moving experience and reminded us of the seriousness of practicing and planning for emergencies.

- Lockdown drills have been done. The kids have done extremely well, with the school being so very quiet. A modified lockdown is called when an emergency is occurring in the school's neighborhood. Walkie-talkies are in place for the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers in the portables.
- MAP test scores will be used to place K-2 in reading groups. Grade one took the math MAP first to help in math groupings.

#### PTACHC Report- Kathy Alfonso (see separate handouts)

- Superintendent initiatives include mental health resources, support for homeless students, revisions to the bullying policy
- Special Education Citizens Advisory Committee (SECAC) to provide support for students and families
- Office of Child and Family Engagement can provide workshops for parents through PTAs
- Redistricting Process Timeline

#### Financial Report – Kevin Cropper (see additional handout)

#### Committee Updates

- Book Fair- Book Fair will be held the week of November 13-17 and on November 21 & 22 during parent teacher conferences
- Box Tops- First collection is due by October 20
- Family Fun- AES will be partnering with Mathnasium, Club Z Tutoring, and Nobel Coaching to host a Math Night on November 2
- Fifth Grade- Bake Sale at chess tournament and Back to School Nights raised \$407. Pancake Breakfast will be Saturday, November 4 with 2 seating times- 7:30-9 am and 9-10:30am. They will host another bake sale for parent teacher conferences on November 21 and 22.
- Membership- 83 families joined so far
- Spirit Wear- Orders will be accepted through Friday, October 13 – [www.xsellpromo.com](http://www.xsellpromo.com)
- Room Parents- Room parents were selected by teachers; those selected have begun collecting class contact information for a class roster. They will be emailing details for the Halloween parade and party soon.
- Staff Appreciation- We will host an autumn themed luncheon for teachers and staff on Thursday, October 12
- Teacher Support—Erin Morris is the coordinator. She will contact volunteers when there are projects to help with
- Year Book—pictures to go to Nicole Alston

#### New Business and/or Concerns

- Math Night will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-8pm. Parents can get more information on Common Core teaching methods. There will be math games to play, by grade-level. Parents will accompany kids to games. Volunteers needed. Hoping for an ELA night at another point during the year.

- Update on Arrival and Dismissal suggestions / changes to be implemented (see separate handout): With better communication, new guidelines can be socialized amongst parents. The committee will meet with the administration to go over recommendations to make arrival and dismissal safer for our students. Recommendations range from signage to an additional crossing guard to more school staff supervision to encouraging more bike riders. Dr. Holden and Miss Secula will need to determine what is feasible.
- PTA by-law review – suggested updates (see separate handout): the by-laws committee met to review and make suggestions. Very few areas of change. Proposed wording adjustments to allow for longer terms on the PTA board. PTA members have the month to review these by-laws, which must be voted on by the next meeting on 11/14/17.

#### Upcoming Dates to Remember

- Picture Day – this THURSDAY- October 12, 2017
- Dine out Night at Bertucci's – Wednesday, October 18
- Halloween Parade & Class Parties- Tuesday October 31 at 2:30 pm
- Math Night – Thursday, November 2; 6-8pm
- Dine out Night- HomeSlyce – Tuesday, November 7
- Fall Festival (PBIS)—Thursday, November 9
- Next PTA Meeting November 14,2017
- Note December PTA meeting date has been changed to December 11 due to strings concert on December 12