

PTSA General Meeting Minutes ~ October 7, 2024~ 6:30 PM

I. Welcome

- Call to Order- 6:33 PM
- Pledge of Allegiance
- Welcome and introductions
- Reading and approval of Minutes- motion to approve made by Keri Eckert and Ashley Minech seconds the motion.
- Treasurer Report-(Titan Time catering \$287.70 vs. \$252.27). Correction to be discussed at next meeting. Wrong report was copied. Motion to approve made by Lauren Campbell and Katie Surmick seconds the motion.
- Title I- Moving to less need; therefore, less funding in the building.
- II. Audit Report audit for 2022-23 complete, audit 2023-24 complete, Beverly Omasta, Sarah Butko, Mary Beth Miller

III. Principal's Report

- Old Cross-Country Track- The goal is to have meets here. (vs. White Oak) Upgrade & STEAM
 areas on track. Moving quickly- Hilligsberg & Lostetter on committee for STEM.
- Robotics- coding for years. Want to connect this to robotics; purchased robots -4th- sphere-balls-5th, etc. Each grade will have their own unique technology. *ACE*, Krajack- drones, 3D printers; build your own board games, etc. integrating robotics.
- Diagnostic testing taking place now. Department Heads meeting Oct. 8.
- Great start to the school year regarding behavior.
- The September student of the month awards were passed out at the end of September.
- We are in the process of purchasing a common backdrop for a common picture.
- 8th grade student government member, Ella, is present at the meeting tonight.
- Talent Show is Fri., Oct. 11. 25-30 students get rewarded with an early preview due to good behavior.
- 10/28 is TRUNK OR TREAT.
- Parent Teacher Conferences are 10/30. NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS THIS DAY!
- There is an activity bus on Tuesdays & Thursdays- 4:00/4:05 to drop kids off at home for the following after school activities: girls leadership team, art club, animee, chess, E-sports.
- Doors are secured but waiting for weather- cafeteria door doesn't close. Teachers are
 constantly in/out. Officer Eagle doing rounds to evaluate. Safety committee meets monthly &
 doors are discussed routinely.
- All visitors for child pick-up must wait in the security "fish bowl" area.
- 4-5 clubs: Kindness club, student ambassadors, & can try out for the musical!
- Assemblies: Health & wellness, Science Center
- \$32,000 grant to update playground for grades 4/5. 2 new hoops were ordered.

IV. President's Report

Need Treasurer

- Approve the Proposed 2024-2025 Budget- \$3,000 for Teacher Appreciation Week, which would raise the budget to \$10,450. Motion to approve made by Rhonda Mitrik and Ashley Minech seconds the motion.
- Do we want a PTSA website: Cost about 300 per year- Tabled for the next meeting

- Do we want to start using Signup Genius for event sign-ups? Motion to approve made by Keri Eckert and Mary Ellen Moneck seconds the motion.
- V. Upcoming Calendar Events Skating Party, Science Center Assembly, Halloween Events

VI. Committee Reports:

- Book Fair: Next Fair in February Nicole Sopko will chair. Feb. 10-14, with a family night on Wed., Feb. 12. May 12-16 BOGO sale! She may need to change the date if it conflicts with Clara Barton. Motion to approve spending no more than 350 scholastic dollars for 4-5 grade Halloween event. Second motion to approve spending no more than 350 scholastic dollars for the school reward store. Both motions were approved by the board. Open to discussion at the general meeting for any questions. Scholastic amount \$7237.80 before purchases and added amount from last week's book fair.
- 6th 8th Grade Dances: Halloween October 29, 2024, 6:00-8:00 Chair: Lauren Campbell purchases: SAMS, pizza, DJ. \$5/ student; PTSA members are charged less. PTA profits from candy, pizza, snack bar/etc.
- Valentine February 13, 2025, 6:00-8:00
- o 4th &5th Grade Holiday Events: Halloween Event October 28, 2024, 6:00-8:00 Chair: Lisa Urban
 - Valentine February 14, 2025, during the school day
- Fun Day subject to change due to field trip dates
 - o 4&5 Grade: May 21, 2025 need chair
 - 6th Grade: May 22, 2025
 7th Grade: May 23, 2025
 - o 8th Grade: May 27, 2025, with dance in the evening
- Fundraising: NEED A CHAIRPERSON- Last year, Gina did Sarris & we also did Joe Corby's
- o Legislative & Bylaws: Bylaws need updated by end of January Jess Parsons chair
- Membership: Gina Englert- currently at 120 members & teachers
- Social Media/Communications
- Nominating need chair and committee by February 2025
- Programs / assemblies co-chairs Ashley Steele and Rhonda Mitrik: Science Center & Saltworks are scheduled- Health & Wellness; grades 4/5 general wellness assembly; grades 6,7,8- vaping assembly
- o Reflections need chair
- o Holiday Shop: Katie, Lisa, Nicole~co-chairs
- o Teacher Appreciation Week of May 5- May 9, 2025 co-chairs Arnisha Keys & Rhonda Minik
- o Skating Parties Keri Eckert, need a second volunteer at every skating party
- o Candy Grams deliver candy to students on February 14th co-chairs Nicole Sopko & Jessica Parson
- o Polar Express need co-chairs Alyssa Finley & Lisa date TBD- sell t-shirts as fundraiser?

VII. Outstanding Items: approve budget

VIII. Additional Items:

- Student input: 7^{th} & 8^{th} graders want to be included in the Book Fair. Dr. Minford approved. They will be added to the schedule and announcements will be made on Titan TV.
- Book fair will be 3 days long with times being changed to 9AM-1PM (instead of ending at 12).
- IX. Next Meeting ~ November 6, 2024
- X. Adjourn

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