

# **PTO Meeting Agenda**

## **9/17/19**

### **In attendance:**

Darcy Scholz, Jackie Mondo, Mike Rubin, Kate Goyette, Caitlin Walsh, Michele Garofolo, Tori Wash, Jen Tewani, Lexi Pivarnik, Candice Boyle, Marisol Martinez, Jessica Lauer, Kristen Jennings, Kirsten Londono, Casey McCormick, Anupame Naola, Lisa Keene, Rachel Olivera, Tim Dunham, Melissa Iacuone, Secil Acar Yildiz, Sopoline Teng, Jennifer Fisher, Sam Bahamon, Chris Grumet, Laura Harbron, Elizabeth Richer, Jen Connolly, Melissa Sternthal, Becky Kosisko, Rachel Pol

### **President's Welcome - Elizabeth Richer and Candice Boyle**

Introductions

### **Dr Zmary and Mr. Kobza -**

- Update on Learning - SBACs
- DRG rank 1 or 2 in DRG B in grades 3-5 in ELA!
- Out of state, we are 10 out of 180!
- In math we rank 2-5 in our DRG
- Highest score since inception of the test!
- School Security - structural (sally ports, buzz in, classroom door locks, outside door, glass film),
- behavioral (Monthly drills, don't open the door, see something say something, ongoing security committee meetings, security audit),
- technology (video cameras, police ability to monitor, swipe badge, common all call, school gate guardian for visitors, background check)
- ALICE training - Alert, Lockdown, Inform, Counter, Evacuate,
- Armed School security presence at all schools
- Feedback about practice drills
- Ongoing meetings with police department

### **Treasurer's Report:**

Jen - 17,000

10,000 Basketball courts

5,000 - field trip reimbursements

1750 to drama club

Kate Goyette made the motion to pass the budget. Mike Rubin seconded the motion. Majority passed the motion.

Auction coming up and still 21,000 still in the account

**Mrs. Kosisko:**

- Thank you for the post it notes!
- Busy first 12 days!
- Teacher luncheon tomorrow
- Thank you Jessica Lauer for K cool off and to Mike Rubin and Melissa for back to school social!

**VP Non Fundraising Report (Mike Rubin and Melissa Sternthal)**

- Trick or Trunk - 2 dates, come to one. Night - hopefully won't have to turn anyone away
- DJ will do both nights. Last couple of events have been short staffed. Hoping to have more help this year. With online events, no calls go out for reminders.
- Need a police officer for an outside event of over 100 people per insurance.
- Veterans" breakfast - have a chair for it. Mike Rubin will get the files to the Hardys and Jigna (the chairs)

**VP Fundraising Report (Sam Bahamon and Jess Brito)**

- Flyers went home on Friday.
- Partnered with homemade meals - plus insulated Fawn Hollow Grocery bags
- You have the option to have it delivered. Will need volunteers.
- Orders have started coming in.

### **Auction Update (Sam Bahamon, Nichole Bierut, Mike Rubin, Michele Garofolo, Tori Wash)**

- All set - November 9th from 7-11
- Flyers will go home Monday.
- Stone Barn - pasta, apps, candy bar
- Fall theme
- Way we make money - not from tickets sales, but from auction donated items.
- Need bottles of wine for wine pull, lottery tree, local places, gift cards
- Trying to get many donations from now until October 1. Will also take them after.
- Will send an email to staff for donation ideas as well.
- There is a spreadsheet to put in donated items so there are no duplications. Ask Sam for access to spreadsheet if you are interested in soliciting items/experiences for auction

### **Membership/Database Update (Chris Grumet and Shannon Jackson)**

- Chris has taken on database
- PTO membership- 18 staff, 220+ families

### **Print Directory (Rachel Pol and Sopoline Teng)**

- Flyers out today for directory. Looking for artwork from children and sponsorship

### **Parent Council Update (Kirsten Londono and Tim Piedmont)**

- First Day went well
- New Demo study done to better understand changing demographics
- Chance of apartments could change demographics
- Niche ratings all positive surrounding education, excluding diversity
- ADAM- resource for vaping/drug intervention and prevention
- Meetings are first Wednesday of Month at 9:30 a.m. at BOE (Monroe Elementary)
- Fawn Hollow- started w/ 568 students, with 5 more coming

### **Room Reps (Jen Connolly and Tori Wash)**

- Have reps for every room
- Room rep breakfast is next Wednesday
- Room rep fund through PTO website
- Reimbursement form for purchases available

### **Mini Grants (Kate Goyette and Jill Kimball)**

- Mini-grants deadline October 18
- Recipients will be notified by November 29
- Teachers can do multiple applications
- Decided to not give priority to staff that are PTO members
- Maximum grant for each classroom is \$500
- Grade level grant is \$750
- Idea of keeping a rolling application of grants

### **Boxtops For Education (Robyn Augustine and Kirsten Londono)**

- Box top app
- Raised over \$400
- Scan receipt
- Goal \$750 by Nov.

### **New Business**

- Projects for consideration
- Cargo net installation in gym
- New rug in foyer
- Side curtains on stage
- Perhaps wait until the end of the year to see how much money we have left in budget
- Cultural Budget- some research being done: 4 times/year

Important Dates:

Sept 30 - NO SCHOOL

Oct 2 Picture Day

Oct 9 - NO SCHOOL

Oct 10, school store, PTA meeting 7pm

Nov 8 - Veterans Day Breakfast

Nov 9- Auction/ Parents Night Out