

Membership Meeting

9/4/18 6:02 PM

Attendance: Maura Donahue, Dave Fee, Amy Barnes, Lauren Rhoades, Terri Mason, Cindy Rogers, Jodie Jacobs, Jen McAnallen, Dagiimaa Betenkh, Michelle Russell, Jacob Worrell, Julie Niphadkabin, Christy Whiteaker, Sara Cocart, Christa Hays, Nick Schaper, Sara Clarke, Beth Paben, Sarah Koeppel, Lisa Dumond, Bethany Colas, Kia Mills, Kelly Van Buskirk, Katie Matis, Chireta Eure-Miller, Arodhaa Methar, Annie Bennett, Kevin Tann, Egsayas Cherakssa, Chante Clarkson, Katherine Copeland, Steve Lee, Chantel Orcutt

Welcome: The meeting was called to order 6:04pm.

Secretary's Report: The minutes from the June 7, 2018 PTA general membership meeting were shared on our website and there are also copies available. Minutes from June were approved as presented.

Our next PTA general membership meeting will be on Tuesday, October 2nd at 6pm. For the first 20 minutes of the meeting we'll have a guest speaker from Virginia 529 presenting to provide advice for college savings and to answer parents' questions.

Treasurer's Report: June Meeting Agenda was reviewed and approved as presented. Audit of previous fiscal year was reviewed and approved as presented.

Discussion:

Lauren, Chantel, Cindy, Amy were all present for audit

We bring in close to \$30K

Last year's expenditures we had 5,369.05 left from last year to use

Part of PTA dues go to us and part goes to VA PTA

Any questions reach out to the Treasurer, Cindy

Budget: Budget was approved as presented.

Discussion:

Teacher wishlist includes flexible seating, take home reading books, each grade level came together to pick, resistance bands, pillows, lap desks, swivel chairs

Question: What is the buddy program?

Answer: Catherine Luby is in charge - for children with special needs 6th graders and 5th graders are buddying up

Field trip: offset the bus cost

Movie program: covers family movie nights three times per year or rewards programs

Teacher mentor program: When a new teacher comes in it helps offset the cost of spirit wear

Staff professional development: each summer teachers do a workshop, each quarter there's a planning day and it pays for the substitute - the additional teacher training is not county wide

Committee Chair Reports

Spring Festival, Winter Festival, and 50th Anniversary of Hunt Valley party will all happen this year

Family Movie Night: 3 times per year tentatively scheduled one of our givebacks - maybe we could vote on movie

Assemblies: currently booked but if there's interest to participate, co-chairing this year is an option and could over next year

Volunteer Coordinator: Julie Whitehouse

Membership: Leah is chair - anyone can attend PTA meetings but in order to vote and to elect officers you must be a member

Three ways to help PTA: active board member, volunteer as you can, or donate money

After School Programs: Marina is chair - we have several activities open for registration, more on website, in PTA newsletter, and in Mr. Fee's weekly newsletter
Let her know if you have ideas for winter session

PTA Newsletter: comes out on Wednesdays at 12:30pm - check junk mail if you don't receive it

Beautification Day: 27th, will be 8 to noon, we typically have 6 or 7 families who come out Could use some equipment to borrow like wheel barrows, etc...

Mulch will be delivered

If you use a landscaping company, ask for donations for goods

3 for Me Volunteer Program:

Pledge to volunteer 3 hrs per child

Parents get credit by going to parent/teacher conferences, cutting things at home, etc....

Spirit Wear: Shop.burkesports.com link is on facebook page and website, t-shirts, long sleeve, hoodies, zip ups ends Sept 23 Sunday

Fundraising: we don't do chocolates, wrapping paper, etc... we do direct donations that will kick off in Oct and ends right before thanksgiving. Anyone who makes a donation will get a key chain.

Mrs. Donahue/Mr. Fee

Pyramid Run Irving:

K - 3 half mile

4 - 6 mile

T-shirt w/ online registration and option to donate

Each school gets a different color t-shirt

Sat Oct 13th rain or shine there's a mascot run

Author visits: Oct 9th we'll have a flier for the first visit from Patty Kim who wrote, "I'm OK" She's an award winning novelist.

725 kids this year

Positivity Project: Leaders are former Army from Westpoint. First assembly is a pep rally in the Gym about the positivity project - notice the green shirts - they're on the positivity.org website if interested.

Recess/Lunch:

Change across the state for longer recess

Indoor recess will not include screen time - will include board games, cards, building w/ blocks

Teachers could benefit from used, workable games

Two separate recess periods (two, 20 mins each)

Lunches have been good with round tables - kids seem to like the circular

Field Day: Oct 5th and there's a rain date: look out for a sign up genius 1 - 6th grade

Question about start time. Answer: they can't change our bus schedule because middle school is 730 and high school is 8am

We're on the waiting list for a new playground

We have new mulch and a new beam to keep the mulch in on the playground

Bring your kids to beautification day

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Skate 4 Life: Oct 4 skate boarders talking about health and wellness

Spirit Night: at Potbelly

Picture Day: Sept 20

Adjourned 7:12