

PTA General Meeting
August 29, 2017
Location: Pierce Downer Gym

*Attendees: Please see attachment

- 1) Call to order: 7:04PM
- 2) June 2017 General PTA Meeting Minutes approved
- 3) Introduced 2017-18 PTA Board Members
 - a. Colleen Loftus- Co-President
 - b. Mariah Cameron- Co-President
 - c. Kristen France- Vice President of Operations
 - d. Jennie Amidei- VP of Academic Enrichment
 - e. Bethany Keown- Vice President of Social Activities
 - f. Anu Fischer & Meeta Sinnappan- Co-Treasurers
 - g. Stephanie Vroman- Secretary
 - h. Lora Dominow- VP of Fundraising
- 4) Mrs. Clavenna - Principal
 - a. Welcomed everyone
 - b. Discussed soft lockdown on first day and that everything was handled smoothly.
 - c. Introduced new Assistant Principal Melissa Sawisch
 - d. Enrollment is at 362 which is up from 355 students last year.
 - e. We have 27 new students this year.
 - f. Map testing is going on the week of 8/28 and is being done during the morning and after lunch. Grades Kindergarten- 3rd grade are using IPADS for testing.
 - g. 8/30 Students met with their PD families. Every student is a part of a PD family and it consists of 6-8 students all from different grades. PD families meet periodically and do a lot of team building activities. 8/30 meeting will focus on getting to know new students
 - h. Teacher wishlist is currently going on and is much appreciated.
 - i. No School Monday, September 4, 2017
 - j. Curriculum Night is Thursday, September 7, 2017.
 - i. Kindergarten: 5:30-6:10PM
 - ii. Grades: 1,3,5 6:20-7:00 PM
 - iii. Grades: 2,4,6 7:10-7:50
 - k. Picture Day: September 7, 2017
 - l. September 19th will be a half day of school. Teachers have a school improvement inservice in the afternoon.
 - m. Every Friday parents will receive and an email featuring what has been going on in school. Teachers will be using SeeSaw this year as a way to communicate.

5) Treasurer's Report: Mariah Cameron (filled in for Anu Fisher and Meeta Sinnappan)

- a. Audit Approved by Audit Committee
 - i.) Motion moved by Colleen Loftus to approve audit. Kristen France seconded motion and audit was approved..
- b. Budget posted online and outside of office.
 - i.) Motion moved by Colleen Loftus to approve budget. Kristen France seconded motion and budget was approved.
- c. Current Balance is \$10,031.45 A big check was written for whiteboards.
- d. Check Request forms can be found in office or online. Please use Tax Exempt form for big purchases.

6) VP of Fundraising: Colleen Loftus (filled in for Lora Dominow)

- a. Discussed Annual Giving Campaign
 - i. Annual Giving Campaign per student this year is 85.00 per child. The \$85 come from the total income we need to bring in to run PTA: \$30,850 divided by the total number of students, 362. That comes out to \$85.22 per student.
 - ii. All money is anonymous and parents should not feel like they have to pay.

7) VP of Academic Enrichment Activities- Jennie Amidei

- a. List of all activities can be found online
- b. Programs discussed included- Destination Imagination, STEM, Junior Great Books, Science Olympiad, Spanish Class, Reflections, and STEAM
- c. To receive communication about these activities please sign up for subscriber list that will be emailed out soon.
- d. Jennifer Klemz discussed Reflections. **PTA Reflections** is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts based on the 2017-2018 theme: **Within Reach**. Jennifer Klemz will be going into all the classrooms and talking with the students about the program. More information will be sent home with the students.

8) VP of Operations- Kristen France

- a. Room Representatives have been selected.
- b. Sign up for Holiday Parties and Art Awareness will be available to sign up day after Curriculum Night.
- c. Weekly emails will be sent with all upcoming information and events.
- d. Please check out VolunteerSpot for volunteer opportunities. There are still a lot of spots available to volunteer.
- e. Calendar of all events is posted online.

9) VP of Social Activities- Bethany Keown

- a. New Family Signs will be picked up by end of next week.

- b. Recent Activities planned by Social include:
 - i. Summer Playdates
 - ii. Welcome Back Party
 - iii. Fun Lunch

10) Secretary- Stephanie Vroman

- a. PTA membership Dues: 15\$ per individual and 20\$ per family
- b. DirectorySpot will be updated soon. For families that purchase 20\$ PTA membership the entire family will have access to directoryspot. No paper directory will be published this year.
- c. VolunteerSpot- opportunities still available.

11) Presidents- Colleen Loftus and Mariah Cameron

- a. Website is up and working. Dues can be paid online.
- b. PTA has 4 general meetings a year.
- c. We encourage parents to attend and come to us with any ideas, suggestions, or questions.
- d. Discussed how our PTA is a big support to our teachers and staff. Last year we replaced all of the Whiteboards in the building.

12) Meeting adjourned at 7:49