

Pierce Downer PTA

General Meeting January 17, 2017

- 1) Call to order 7:08pm
- 2) Presidents - Colleen Loftus & Laurie Hurst
 - a) 3 New families to PD this quarter. All three families have been added to DirectorySpot.
 - b) Pierce Downer has several kids who won Reflections and that have qualified for state judging this year.
- 3) Treasurer's Report- Mariah Cameron and Anu Fisher
 - a) Monthly Numbers-
 - i) December 1, 2016 \$48,057.38
 - ii) December 31, 2016 \$ 45,757.64
- 4) VP of Fundraising- Lora Dominow
 - a) Discussed auctioning off teacher experiences at Battle of Bands to raise funds for replacing whiteboards.
- 5) VP of Social Activities- Bethany Keown
 - a) Dads Night Out- Alter Brewing Company, Thursday 1/19
 - b) Sweetheart Dance (dads and daughters) 2/14 @6:30, sign up online
 - c) Looking for volunteers for ArtCot, our Art/Cultural fair. Please see Bethany if you are interested in participating.
- 6) Secretary- Stephanie Vroman
- 7) VP of Operations- Kristen France
 - a) Please read Tuesday PTA email for the most up to date information.
- 8) VP of Academic Enrichment- Jennie Amidei
 - a) Sign up online to get Service Learning and/or STEAM opportunities emailed directly to your inbox!
 - b) See attachment for Jennies updates
- 9) Mr. Sisul
 - a) Art with Dan Assembly week of 1/9/17 went very well.
 - b) Teachers are currently busy
 - i) Looking at winter assessments
 - ii) What do these numbers represent
 - iii) What are the goals to work on for the 2nd half of school year.
 - iv) Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled in February. These are only 15 minute conferences.

c) New Recess Rules

- i) No Pads during inside recess.
- ii) Teachers are compiling a wishlist of inside activities for the classroom that include both games and engaging activities.

d) Update on Chalkboard Replacement

- i) At this time, 16 of our instructional spaces (classrooms) are still outfitted primarily with chalkboards. We would like to replace all of the chalkboards in the building with dry-erase, magnetic whiteboards. This allows a far more versatile, colorful, bright, clean and dust-free learning environment. An early estimate for this replacement is approximately \$9000. This has raised some questions about the SMARTBoards in each classroom (interactive digital surfaces) - these are ultimately separate issues, as the SMARTBoards can be mounted on top of chalkboards or whiteboards. As we review the use of SMARTBoards, we find that this particular technology provides amazing opportunities for our teachers and students in certain disciplines and at certain grade levels; in others, the SMART technology is less effective, and the SMARTBoard simply gets in the way of other opportunities. Whether a SMARTBoard remains in a particular classroom will be the result of conversations with individual teachers, grade level teams.

10) Introduction of Dr. Matt Rich- Presentation on Digital Parenting

- a) See attachment for presentation.