

## **Tower Heights PTO Meeting Minutes**

September 10, 2018

Meeting called to order 7:01p

Present:

President-Judy Winfield, VP-Amy Burr, Teacher Rep.-Brenda Miller, Hospitality-LuAnn DiFilippo, Candy Schrempp, Principal-Clint Freese, Secretary-Amanda Matthias-Caton, David Ellis

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

Christina Oyler shared via email: There is no line item in the budget for curriculum night. Requested we vote later to either add the line item or add the curriculum expenditures into hospitality? The expenditure of \$144.85 is mostly curriculum night and not hospitality.

See attached Budget

### **President's Report:**

Tiger's Tide was a success! 13 parents volunteered.

Membership drive going well, Judy asked for one more reminder to go out to parents reminding them that a \$25.00 donation to PTO will get you a Tower Heights Directory.

Judy and Mr. Freese attended the PTO presidents, principals and superintendent meeting.

Discussion at meeting included:

staff training

Levy likely needed soon due to fact that general fund will spend more than we take in.

2018 summer projects included carpet replacement, lockers painted.

Thank you to TH for filtered water stations

8,000 students in the district;

district has grown by 300 students in the last two years and 60 staff

5,000 devices; including 850 added this year

Virtual reality carts have been purchased for VR field trips

All-Day Kindergarten continues to be discussed. Per Mr. Freese, additional study needs to happen to answer questions like, can we do all day K without adding another building, how many and what kind of additional staff will be needed? What will be the investment needed long term?

January 23, 2019 State of the District-Dr. Henderson

### **Vice President's Report:**

Amy said that 99 volunteers signed up and were handed off to people in charge of each committee. Mr. Freese suggested that volunteers be invited to at least one thing throughout the year to keep them engaged. Most volunteers are Hospitality and least Academic.

Brenda Duncan is the new Lunch out Friday Chair. She is talking with Teacher Rep, Brenda Miller to coordinate schedule.

### **Hospitality Report:**

LuAnn reported that the hand sanitizers were well received by the teachers. Dinner will be provided to teachers on Conference night.

Restaurant night out Chair, Erin O'Brien has not made decision yet on which restaurant. Suggestions included: Chipotle, Milanos, City BBQ

Judy reported 71 Households signed up for Kroger bucks. TH received \$520.86 last quarter from Kroger. Judy also reminded us that all gift cards purchased at Kroger can also be included. Remember this when buying gift cards over the holidays.

### **Principal's Report:**

Mr. Freese said that the district has moved away from the two-hour delay days and will have in-service days instead. First in-service day this Friday.

Mr. Freese also discussed "IACT", Institute for Applied Creativity and Transformation which is the districts 3 year collaboration with the University of Dayton. This collaboration is ending it's second year. There are 3 problem guiding questions that the collaboration seeks to answer:

- How might we empower students to find purpose to solve complex problems?
- How might we encourage and engage collaborative learning communities?
- How might we re-define student success through failure and perseverance?

Staff Inservice on Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> staff will brainstorm with guiding questions. Using John Hattie's work "Visible Learning for Teachers" Staff will be looking at individual students to help them progress based on how they learn individually.

MAPP testing started last Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup>. Results are instantaneous with MAPP vs. CoGAT

TH Positive Behavior Intervention Support-"We Cares"

C-itizenship

A-ccountability

R-espect

E-mpathy

S-tart

TH using this in a variety of areas: transition, restrooms, lunch, recess, classroom

Hope to have banners placed around school with motto

Midterm grades will be coming out soon; Parents are encouraged to check on HAC child's grades every two weeks

**Teacher Representative's Report:**

Ms. Miller requested, on behalf of the Social Studies team, a \$90.00 donation to help send a student to the National Geography Bee. Mr. Freese explained how to assess whether to donate is to determine if every child has an opportunity to participate. In this case the answer is yes.

Amanda motioned to approve request

Candy 2<sup>nd</sup>

Request approved

**Old Business:**

TH PTO received a Thank You from the Centerville High School Senior and TH alum who received the \$500.00 scholarship.

Still looking for a volunteer to take over gardening projects at the school entrances.

**New Business:**

Author, Brian Wells is coming to all 3 Middle Schools. His fee will be paid for by PTO. His visit will target the 6<sup>th</sup> grade.

Dr. Henderson has offered to do a presentation at the PTO meetings.

Mr. Freese said that the student handbooks contain an older version of the TH Behavior Management Program (BMP).

Old BMP: green slip referral=go to advisor; 3 referrals= sent to office for automatic detention

New BMP: each classroom keeps track of behavior, moving away from advisor being involved because it was a conflict of their advising role...still automatic detention if Freese gets a conduct referral

Meeting adjourned 7:52p

