

Tower Heights PTO Meeting Minutes

April 8, 2019

Members present: Judy Winfield-President, Clint Freese-Principal, Brenda Miller-Teacher Rep, Christina Oyler-Treasurer, David Ellis-Beautification Chair, Luann DiFilippo-Hospitality Chair, Erin O'Brien-Free Money Chair, Amy Burr-Vice President, Amanda Matthias-Caton-Secretary

Visitors present: Michelle Wade-Parent, Julie Harless – Foreign Language Teacher THMS, Lisa Snow-Parent, Christine Davis-Parent, Jaime Yelton-Parent, Kari MacLennan-Parent,

Meeting was called to order at 7p.

Clint made a motion to approve minutes from previous meeting and Luann seconded the motion.

Ms. Julie Harless was in attendance to discuss foreign language requirement for rising 6th graders. Clint discussed the lit lab and math support options vs. 6th grade language requirement option. Parents will receive a letter depending on need of their child. Options for letters include: preference regarding foreign language, IEP letter, or recommendation for lit. lab or math support. Completion of 7th and 8th grade language class meets CHS' level 1 language requirement, an additional 1 year at CHS meets the total number required to graduate (2 years). An additional 3rd year of language is required by some universities for admission consideration. If a student passes the AP language exam at CHS they will receive a bilingual stamp on their diploma.

Treasurer's Report:

Christina reported that the PTO wrote 3 checks last month. \$46.90 to Luann for Bills donuts for teachers appreciation, \$25.34 to Ms. Isaacs for Art show copies, and \$200.00 to Ms. Miller for Special Education programs snacks/incentives. We received \$146.32 from City BBQ for night out fundraiser. This brought our balance to \$4,755.18. Discussion regarding PTO monies and where they will likely be spent.

President's Report:

Judy purchased a "Spikeball" kit for the playground. Clint suggested we wait to see how it is received by the students before we purchase more.

Judy spoke with Nick Meyer with the Parks Department who said that the PAR course is very costly. He suggested American Ninja Warrior stations. Judy said that Nick suggested the possibility of funding such a thing through a grant through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. Judy also suggested "Turf tracks" that could be installed by an Eagle Scout looking for a project.

VP Report:

8th grade dance May 29th 6-8 parent volunteers needed that day

Student Dance Committee will give PTO wishlist.

Committee Reports:

- a) Brenda-Lunch out Fridays continue to be appreciated and are going well.

- b) Luann-Hospitality: Teacher appreciation week will include: lunch from Milanos on May 7th; stock fridge with coffees and granola etc., breakfast, and chair massages
- c) Erin-Free Money: Milanos on Brown street Restaurant takeover is scheduled for May 7th. THMS will receive 20% of the proceeds. Free Money and Hospitality are working together to coordinate Teacher Appreciation Week.
- d) Dawn (via Judy)- Scholarship: As of last week no applications for the THMS scholarship had been turned in. Due date is April 12th.
- e) David-Beautification -No luck with planters. He will contact other PTO's for suggestions.

Principal's Report:

Ohio State Testing will happen over the next three weeks. Looking at options trying to minimize impact on classes.

"CARE" motto program talks. Clint talks with all three grades. 8th grade theme=Responsibility, encouraged them to end the year strong. Dance and Kings Island trip, opportunities to make good decisions. 7th grade theme=stay positive. Good group. Praising them for good choices. 6th grade theme=focus on behaviors. Social media use starting to take off with this group. Encouraged to make good choices regarding social media use. CARE (Citizenship, Accountability, Respect, Empathy) Posters, banners will be displayed all around school.

New phone system arriving soon. You will no longer get a person when you call the building.

ALICE drill at THMS will take place next year.

Teacher Representative:

Brenda discussed the Hall of Fame dinner. Ms. Hess is THMS Outstanding Teacher this year. PTO will cover the tickets for both Ms. Hess and her plus one. \$72.00 check requested made payable to Centerville Education Foundation.

New Business:

Judy requested additional volunteers for the Academic Volunteer Program (AVP)

Meeting Adjourned 8:37p