

## **Tower Heights PTO Minutes**

October 15,2018

Meeting called to order @ 7p.

Present: President-Judy Winfield, VP-Amy Burr, Teacher Rep.-Brenda Miller, Hospitality Chair-LuAnn DiFilippo, Secretary-Amanda Matthias-Caton, Principal-Clint Freese, Free Money Chair-Erin O'Brien, David Ellis

Mr. Freese made motion to approve September 10, 2018 minutes, July 2<sup>nd</sup>, minutes approved.

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

Reviewed both September and October budgets.

The \$144.85 spent for teacher's luncheon and curriculum night will be taken out of principals expenses.

Discussion regarding reminding parents to join PTO. Mr. Freese reminders have gone out.

We submitted \$85.00 worth of box tops. Should receive a check mid-December for the total amount submitted.

### **President's report:**

Directories have gone out. Student should have received it in homeroom.

Discussion regarding speakers attending PTO. Judy mentioned it was interesting and informative when language teachers came to PTO last April. Mr. Freese and Ms. Miller will share this with teachers. Mr. W will attend PTO meeting in February.

Academic Volunteer Program (AVP) underway for 4 weeks now. 26 students serviced in tutoring capacity as well as parent volunteers in band, art and chorus.

Next lunch out Friday October 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Hospitality:**

Sign-up genius for parent/teacher conference filled within 24 hours

Checking on the possibility of "Manicures in May" for Teacher Appreciation Week

### **Fundraising:**

Next Night out fundraiser: Fazoli's on Wilmington Pike, Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup>. Event runs from 11a-8p. TH will receive 20% of sales. Participants need to mention Tower Heights. Monica will run it in "Tower Tales" newsletter. Erin will find out if TH EIN # needed to receive proceeds.

Erin suggested Applebees: "Flapjack Fundraiser" for Spring fundraiser. On a Saturday or Sunday of our choosing from 8a-10a, Applebees opens the restaurant to only us, TH volunteers will seat and wait on people, Applebees employees make pancakes and drinks. We will sell tickets prior. We receive \$4.50 back for every \$8 ticket we sell, regardless if people attend or not.

**Principal's Report:**

Mr. Freese shared discussion taking place at the monthly meeting of the Positive Behavior Intervention Support (PBIS) team. Questions being explored include: How can teachers work with a student in the classroom and promptly and effectively share information regarding that student's behavior with other teachers and with the student's parents. Also, how to decide when it would be appropriate to intervene with teachers and parents. Old system may be taking too long.

"Homework helpers" drop-in program. Program offered daily by Centerville High School National Honor Society members until 4:30p.

Mr. Freese updated the PTO on progress with Institute for Applied Creativity and Transformation (IACT), a partnership between Centerville City Schools and the University of Dayton. Overall goal is to address how educators can teach students how to persevere and grow through failure, by teaching, applying and measuring "soft skills" such as empathy, respect, perseverance, etc. Currently looking for a place where educators can meet regularly off-site and brainstorm with others on how to do things differently.

Gun locks program continuing through collaboration with district, township, city, police and fire departments.

**New Business:**

Request for \$200.00 from Ms. Sanderman, middle school library representative, for author Brian Wells. His visit will include a discussion regarding his books, the "hero's journey" literary theme, as well as his experience being an author. This event will be open to all students. Amanda motioned to approve request to spend \$200.00 for Mr. Wells, Mr. Freese 2<sup>nd</sup>. Motion passes.

Judy asked if PTO would like to participate in Adopt a family for the holidays this year. We have \$500.00 set aside for this activity. PTO decided we would adopt 5 high school students. Amanda, Erin, LuAnn, Judy and Ms. Miller volunteered to shop for students on behalf of PTO.

A request was sent to the PTO to donate to an individual high school student's spirit chain campaign. PTO denied request and instead requests that parents make donations at their discretion.

Mr. Freese asked PTO parents of 6<sup>th</sup> graders how their student was handling transition to middle school. Informal discussion ensued.

Meeting adjourned 8:10p

