

Tower Heights PTO Minutes October 21, 2019

Meeting called to order at 7p.

Present: Clint Freese, Principal; David Ellis, President; Erin O'Brien, Free Money Chair; LuAnn Difilippo, Hospitality Chair; Stephanie Stanley, Scholarship Chair; Amanda Matthias-Caton, Secretary

Clint Freese made a motion to approve September 9, 2019 PTO minutes. Erin O'Brien seconded. Minutes approved.

Free Money (Erin O'Brien)

City BBQ Fundraiser is currently in the works for January. It will be a competition among the 3 Centerville Middle Schools. Whoever raises the most money wins a free lunch for their staff. Even the schools that don't win will benefit because City BBQ fundraisers allow your group to earn a check for 25% of the total sales generated by your supporters.

City BBQ will also be doing a "Teacher Appreciation Giveaway" in January. This contest allows kids to fill out a form when they are in the restaurant explaining which teacher they appreciate and why. City BBQ will pick a winner from each school and give that teacher \$100.00 to use at City BBQ.

Box tops mailing due 11/01. Still transitioning from real to digital. Remember to scan your receipts within 2 weeks of purchase.

Hospitality (Luann Difilippo)

Coordinating for Staff lunch during parent/teacher conferences is all set.

Scholarship (Stephanie Stanley)

Stephanie Stanley has volunteered to be our Scholarship Chair. She and her family just moved here from Maryland. She has a 6th and an 8th grader. Welcome Stephanie and family!

Curriculum (Clint Freese)

There will be no PTO meeting in January so that people can attend the State of the District address.

Levy update: The district is asking for an additional 1mil for permanent improvement and 5.9 mil for operating expenses. The district has not asked for an increase in 6 years. Buildings are older and in need of improvement including security and technology enhancements. Tower Heights, for example, currently has 16 security cameras would like to add an additional 8 security cameras.

Discussion regarding district report cards results. See results at www.centerville.k12.oh.us/learning/report-card

Parents should have received their students MAP test results by now. Clint Freese discussed how MAP test results are useful to help teachers target lessons to improve specific student performance. ELA, Science and Math teachers had MAP training on how best to use data to improve students learning in those areas.

Academic Volunteers:

Program continues to go well. Every day at noon volunteers help students who are failing or have D's in 2 or more classes, who need help with organization or more specifically, need help navigating Math excel.

Treasurers report (David Ellis, interim treasurer):

See report. Clint Freese made motion to approve budget, seconded by Amanda Matthias-Caton. Budget approved.

Principal's Report (Clint Freese):

CARE initiative going well. Mr. Freese out in front of students regularly talking about what CARE means. All schools have a positive behavioral intervention system.

Anti-bullying speaker was well received by the kids.

Parent Teacher Conferences October 23-24.

New Business:**Adopt a Family:**

Each year TH PTO adopts families of current TH students at the holidays. \$75.00 per family is budgeted for this activity. Stephanie Stanley has volunteered to be the point of contact for TH PTO for Adopt a family this year.

Meeting adjourned @8p. Next PTO meeting November 11, 2019.