



PTO General Meeting

Monday, May 6, 2019

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm.

Presidents Report

It has been a great year with a great team. Winter Carnival and Halloween Bash were fantastic, and our Friday Fun Nights went very well. We are very thankful for everything Dr. Scalia has done for our school and helped our PTO. We will miss him.

Vice President's Report

Thank you, Dr. Scalia, for all the hard work you have done for us over the years and the support you have given us.

Secretary's Report

April minutes are posted on the website. SCAC report has already been added to these minutes from Penny's email to Dr. Scalia.

Motion made by Laura Wand to approve the minutes from the April meeting. Seconded by Laura Bryant

Vote: Majority in favor – none opposed – one abstention. Motion passes.

Treasure's Report

We made \$1483.67 at Friday Fun Night. Spiritwear sales during the 5th grade parent nights was \$179.28 Gave \$250 to the PTSO fund at West Aurora High School. We are giving \$8,000.00 to the spring carnival and we will have expenses for the Teacher Appreciation this week too.

Committee Reports

- **Hospitality/Teacher Appreciation:** It is this week. We did a cake today. Tomorrow is breakfast day. There will be a light snack day on Wednesday and then Potbelly for lunch on Thursday.
- **Website/Social Media:** We have been more proactive on sharing school district announcements on our Jewel PTO Facebook page.
- **Spirit Wear:** We sold some items at the 5th grade parent night.
- **Friday Fun Night:** We had our last Friday Fun Night. Everything went very well. We brought in over \$7,000 from Friday Fun Night for the entire year.

- **Concessions at West High:** Things have been going well. There is a \$50 minimum payout if we volunteer to do the concession stand. They figure if we volunteer our time, it is worth at least a \$50 minimum. We have been asked to come back to help next year too. The checks come a little while after the event takes place.

Dr. Scalia Report

Friday, May 24th is the Spring Carnival. Ms. Townes is looking for some help volunteering. Monday the 27th we are off for the holiday. Tuesday, May 28th is computer drop off for the students. Eight grade promotion is Wednesday, May 29th. The 8th grade dance is Thursday, May 30th from 7:00PM until 9:30PM. They are interviewing the new principals today and tomorrow. The new principal should be named on Monday.

Executive Board Vote

Kathy Evans wins for President. Jen Dosch wins for Vice President. Laura Wand wins for Treasurer. Brian LoCicero wins for Secretary. Welcome to the incoming 2019-2020 Executive Board!

SCAC Report

Our last SCAC meeting of the year was packed with content. The meeting was held on Monday 4/22/19 and the following people presented info.

Transportation = Lynn Head

Balance Numeracy & Title 1 = Dr. Sarah Waddell

1:1 Technology Updates = Michelle Jones & Don Ringelestein

Safety and ALICE training = Officer Kevin Triplett

All presenters had PowerPoint presentations, and each are willing to share the content.

Some of the "take-aways" to share with PTO members:

Balance Numeracy will take place of eVision Math curriculum and roll out 2019-2020 school year for grades 12-5.

What is math? math review, problem solving, conceptual understanding, knowledge of math facts.

Teachers will teach concepts - various ways as opposed to text book - why? mistakes ok? Connect.

Title 1

We discussed this in great detail in our previous PTO meeting with Cherie Esposito so during this SCAC meeting, we covered the definition of Title 1, addressed which schools will be included (no Fearn) no expiration as long as we continue to meet the requirements.

Key point: Parent Involvement is one of the proposed ways of using the Title 1 funding. What are some ideas that parents have to create & build parent involvement in our district? Parents to make suggestions - especially in the middle schools and high school

Transportation

Fun facts:

- 74 school bus drivers & 22 school bus monitors (also hiring more)
- Our fleet of buses = 48-72 passenger buses; 27-38 passenger buses; 4 passenger vans
- Total routes = 360 in district & 79 contracted routes
- Students served = 6,580 in district & 130 private placement students
- Miles driven = 772,850 in district & 480,000 out of district
- Bus drivers must have CDL license & school bus permit (renewed each year)

1:1 Tech

- 2019-2020 school year = K-3 I-Pads and 4-12 Chromebooks
- District provides device and coverage is an option purchased by parents/guardian of student
- District does not provide cases
- Content filtered
- Very low breakage - damage rate in our district - only 4%
- Screen time concern for parents = teachers are aware & will apply when topic drives involvement
- Paper pencil option when avail
- Charging a must - shut down devices periodically so updates can happen

Safety & ALICE training

- Not necessary to recall each step in the acronym ALICE - in summary "making a plan", no longer lights off and hide. Be Alert, Lockdown, Inform others, Counter/defense, Evacuate
- Takes time to go through each school and train full time, part time staff on ALICE
- District is aware that all people in contact with students need the training - lunchroom, custodians, paraprofessionals etc...

SCAC meetings will resume next Fall for the 2019-2020 school year!

New Business

We will send out a sign-up genius to the PTO for anyone who wants to volunteer to help out at the Spring Carnival. It is just serving food to help.

We are going to start thinking about the Halloween Bash earlier so we can get some of the West High art students to help with our decorations for next year.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn made by Laura Wand and was seconded by Michael Trotter. Meeting adjourned at 7:14PM.

Vote: All in favor – none opposed. Motion passes.