

## THMS PTO Meeting

11/12/2020

**Present:** Krista Chynoweth (President); Clint Freese, (Principal/Executive Vice President); Judy Winfield, (Free Money/Hospitality/AVP Coordinator); Karen Gruenberg, (Lunch Out Friday Coordinator); Brenda Miller, (TH Teacher Representative); Luann Difilippo (Hospitality); Amanda Matthias-Caton (Secretary)

Meeting was called to order @7:08p.

Kevin Wisniewski, TH School Counselor, made a presentation to the PTO about a possible change to the CARE program at TH. The CARE program is the PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) program. PBIS programs are mandated by the State of Ohio for all public schools. The CARE program initiative rolled out 1 year ago and includes the following components: 1) positive clear behavioral expectations 2) creating prosocial behavior expectations among students 3) if a student isn't meeting said expectations re-teaching is the goal vs. punishment 4) power of positivity teachers/staff give care tickets when they witness a student demonstrating CARE principles 5) CARE tickets handed out to redeem for rewards

With the switch to remote learning now is a good time to advance the CARE program and make it digital.

"Live School" currently being demoed by Ms. Stanley, is a digital behavior reward system that TH would like to pilot with 15 teachers. With the cost of @\$62 per teacher a year the school is requesting help from the PTO to offset the cost. The benefits of this digital option include: easy way to keep track of CARE tickets, parents can keep track of their students behavior using the app, good way to give positive recognition in both school and remote settings, and it may also be a way that teachers and parents could communicate. In addition to the \$450.00 already set aside by the PTO for PBIS, Mr. Freese is asking the PTO for an additional \$323.00 for the digital PBIS pilot program. Mr. Freese would like an answer by mid-December regarding if the PTO can supplement the program.

### **Presidents Report:**

Clint asked the PTO to do another push for PTO membership. A suggestion was made to send forms home again with students. Due to the burden of COVID this year the PTO dropped the requirement for a minimum \$25.00 donation to receive a student directory and that may have impacted donations. Another suggestion was made to give parents specific examples of items that we would like to spend money on this year so that people can see where their money goes. For example, highlight the "Live School" PBIS pilot project. Perhaps this could be something that the PTO could present via a flyer to be shared with parents at conferences this year. Some discussion regarding printing hard copies of the directory vs changing to an all-digital format. It was decided that hard copies were preferable at this time.

PTO meetings will be moved to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month beginning in January. Future meetings will be held on 1/11, 2/08, 3/08, and 4/12 at 7p.

### **Treasurers Report:**

The PTO currently has a balance of \$3,991.00

**Teacher Representative Report:**

Currently there are no teacher requests.

“Lunch-out” delivery for teachers should be back next week.

Discussion regarding PTO/Hospitality providing a quarterly “grab and go” for the teachers and staff since it was so popular in the past. Items included things like yogurt, coffee, pop and snack items.

**Lunch out Fridays Coordinator Report:**

Lunch out Fridays will begin again next week. Krista and Clint volunteered to help with the coordinating this time.

**Free Money/AVP Coordinator Report:**

Next restaurant takeover will be December 8, 2020 at Rapid Fired Pizza from 11a to 10p. Judy asked PTO to share on social media. Must use flyer or phone bar code to ensure that TH/PTO gets credit for purchase.

Box tops- PTO should receive check in December for \$50-\$60 from box top program. This is less than years past.

PTO received a check for \$397.51 from the Kroger community rewards program this quarter. Currently we have 80 supporters linked. The most ever for TH. Please consider linking your Kroger Plus card to TH.

Academic Volunteer Program going well so far. Six volunteers are working with students 100% remotely.

Adopt-a-Family for Christmas update: Judy purchased 5/\$50.00 gift cards for 5 of the adopt a family children with the \$250.00 donation from the TH PTO.

**Hospitality:**

Restaurant takeover scheduled for December 8<sup>th</sup> at Rapid Fired pizza.

**Principal's Report:**

Clint expressed how well the teachers are rising to the challenge of the dual learning mode (remote and in person.) He thanked teachers for their extraordinary effort and said they are truly going above and beyond.

No cases of covid at TH as of yet. It has been great having kids back in the building. Block days have been hard. Wednesday enables everyone to catch their breath. Teachers aren't getting planning days. So far TH able to keep up with subs. If a kid feels sick and stays home they are allowed to zoom into class if they feel well enough. Per Clint Google classroom is here to stay and has taken away the need for the agenda planner.

Clint reminded everyone that if a child were to test positive for covid it is mandated that they quarantine for that child and everyone else's safety.

Precautions currently being implemented: desks are sprayed down after every class, hand sanitizer available everywhere including at lunch, every 2 hours all of the door handles and bathrooms are sprayed down and 6ft protocols are being enforced at all times including during outdoor activity.

**New Business:**

Krista presented A/R workshop as a potential fundraiser for the PTO. She will get more information and let us know.

Brenda expressed how the current situation is taking a toll on the teachers. Some discussion on what we as parents could do to help. Patience and understanding is all that is asked at this time.

Meeting adjourned 8:30p