

# PTA Meeting January 13, 2022

Meeting began at 7:05 PM

Attendance: Nicole R., Jamie D., Megan C., Dr. Recker, Lindsey L., Meena, Cheryl B., Angie L., Kelly

- Updates
  - Volunteers needed – Staff Appreciation Breakfast
  - Two spots left
  - Table in the foyer – people can drop things off
  - January 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM
  - Eat before school starts
- Ways to support Hamilton
  - Mabel's labels
  - Kroger rewards
  - Bags
  - Box tops
  - Spirit wear
  - Restaurant night
- Upcoming events
  - Monday, 1/17 – MLK Jr. Day / No School
  - Monday, 1/31 – No School for Students / Teacher Professional Learning
  - Monday 2/21 and Tuesday 2/22 – Winter break
- School updates
  - Coffee Run
  - Positive message board
  - Holiday gifts
  - Purchasing Communication Boards
    - Grant money/PTA support - Spring
    - Continuing the discussion on big school project
      - Gathering input from the students this month or next
      - Waiting to hear on future school improvements/grants to see where our money can be best spent
      - Cheryl said that teachers really want faculty bathroom redone
        - No place to hang purse on doors
        - Functional fixes
        - Products – inspirational quotes
      - Faculty lounge
        - Not everyone is comfortable using the lounge
        - Teachers would like it to be more comfortable

- Budget
  - Current balance - \$36,624
  - Estimated amount for large school projects - \$10,000
  - Open to ideas for special projects
- Principal Update
  - **Updated COVID Protocol:**
    - Students and staff with COVID symptoms have three options:
      - Isolate at home for 5 days, returning on the 6th day only if symptoms are gone and they are fever-free for 24 hours without medicine.
      - Obtain a negative PCR COVID test from a medical office or lab; home tests are not permitted.
      - Provide a doctor's note that specifies an alternative diagnosis to explain the symptoms.
      - If your child is sick and is awaiting PCR test results, that student and all unvaccinated siblings must stay home from school or school-related activities until results are known. Unvaccinated siblings who have had COVID-19 in the past 90 days do not need to go home or quarantine if they can produce a lab report showing the date they tested positive.
  - Goal is to remain operational in-person
  - On average, we have ~88% attendance of kids
  - 10% of school in quarantine; hopefully it will go down to 5% with new guidelines
- Staff appreciates many acts of kindness from PTA and parents
- School safety
  - Wednesday morning late start talking about safety
  - Found a good solution for barricading doors
    - District installing night locks for doors
    - District has common threat assessment protocol
    - If someone brings a concern to you, what level of threat
    - District has a crisis committee
      - Teachers
      - Community members
      - Troy Police Department
    - Reunification sites are not public knowledge
    - App on cell phones to communicate at same time if threat
  - Debating what is appropriate for elementary age children
  - Expectations of subs
  - Two more drills planned
    - Hope to have night locks
    - How to differentiate message (K vs. 5<sup>th</sup> graded)
    - Feb and June ALICE drills address these issues:
      - What kids should do if they are in the hallway

- What kids should do if in bathroom
- What kids should do if they are in their specials
  
- Faculty update
  - See above
- VP shoutouts
  - Angie, Angie, Kelly
    - Starbucks delivery for staff
  - Patty, Megan, Nicole
    - Staff hearts board

Respectfully submitted by M. Cyrulewski