

PTO General Meeting 9-12-22

Welcome and introductions were performed.

Elections were performed for the last vacant board member, the vice president, and re-election was performed for the returning positions.

- Katy re-elected to secretary
- Maria re-elected to treasurer
- Teresa re-elected to social media
- Lauren re-elected volunteer co-coordinator
- John Selner voted in as vice president

PTO Myth Busters:

See attached

Approved the budget for the year.

- Judi asked to combine some of the funds for all school activities, staff special project and assemblies to contribute to an all school field trip. Does not include busing-the students would take another field trip with busing covered, but the all school trip would have a small fee to cover busing.

Need Wednesday morning coordinator. Susan Grefsheim

Principal Judi Kahoun gave updates:

- Thanked the PTO for the continuing support (meet and greet meals, take home folders and lanyards, etc.) and invitation to the board meeting in August
- First all school meeting this Friday
 - houses
 - silliness
 - build community
- Teachers had a workshop to introduce school rules/expectations and also build community intentionally
- District focus on student management manual refined; created a play book for social/emotional management and focus on CARES
- Focus on morning meeting with greeting each child, sharing, something fun, and message from the teacher for the daily schedule
- The first week is going well creating routines, getting lunch, etc. including kindergarten pranks on Ms. Kahoun.
- Specialists are on an Art/Phy Ed and Recess/Performing Arts rotation
- Staff shortages: paras for behavior specialist (2) and functional (1)
 - filled in by office staff taking on lunch (last year set the precedent and it worked out really well) and 30 minute supervision at recess
- Q: can parents have lunch with students? A: Maybe in conference room-lunch rooms are pretty full

Fun Run update

- October 7th
- We need volunteers and committee members
- Mieka and Nancy are chairing
- The panther will be coming
- This year we will have a QR code to donate electronically

Mileage club

- Do we want to do Mileage club again this year?
- Toe tokens and pizza parties (for the most miles walked/run)
- interest if we have enough volunteers

Discussion to brainstorm Fall Festival and speakers

- Fall festival – October 29th (Saturday) Stephanie Brace and John/Katie Selner will co-chair
- 10-1? NHS high schoolers?
 - petting zoo
 - donuts and coffee
 - painting mini pumpkins
 - scavenger hunt
 - bingo
 - carving
 - carnival games
 - costumes optional
 - booths for tutoring locations at the festival
- Speakers
 - Miss Kathy -Performance Art teacher
 - mental health or behavioral team
 - screen “Liked” again
 - school board members
 - how will SLP address Blaine population growth (work with demographer again)
 - Judi can make district plan part of her report
 - Schoology tutor

Ideas for other events:

school supply drive? Necessary or would it reflect poorly for school?

panther pantry drive at each event

student council coming back?

Judi asking for insight:

Leadership/Equity meeting wants to plan a parent information night to meet with children's teachers to know what is going on.

- Schedule and curriculum summary, maybe included as a walking tour to the locations
- meet the homeroom teacher and the other team teachers

Drawing for popcorn party:

Winner is: Christina Hunt's child in Ms. Brodt's class