

## Parkside Jr High PTO meeting 2/7/19

### Principal's Report

- Infinite campus is replacing skyward next year. Better access to student data is the big selling point.
- 8<sup>th</sup> grade picnic PTO can help with finding volunteers, just need to know what is needed.
- State testing PARCC is being replaced by Illinois State testing will be happening in April. The state owns the questions, but new vendor will be chosen to get results faster. Data Recognition will be future rather than Pearson.
- Next year's calendar is not finalized, but hiring 2 new special ed teachers, Ms. Bitner is retiring, and Mrs. Ryan has left. Special services level one numbers are increasing as are total numbers requiring a change in classrooms.

### President's report

- No Amazon smile update pended to next month.
- Lenore has reported that cleaning the popcorn machine has been done by a retired custodian in the past which would be preferable to buying a new one. Connie will go back and see if can find when it was last cleaned. (October 2017 it was noted in minutes as being cleaned)
- PTO president's luncheon discussed possible changes to attendance days, but nothing is set. Next year's calendar was scrapped nearly in total other than the start day is a Friday. Tech days are being discussed but the issue is in flux due to pending legislation.
- School board candidates are invited to the March PTO meeting. Angela has spoken to 5 so far. She will be letting parents know to attend if they want to hear from the candidates.
- Green screen request went through the school may purchase a second one depending on how the first is used. They will be used to create videos for classes and possibly for school orientation type things.
- Officer positions are coming open for next year.
- 450 to 500 per night are average profits for this year's pack the place fundraisers. Need more parent volunteers and a co-chair for the PTO board.
- Need to decide on a goal for what to spend the funds from pack the place on.
  - Water bottle filling station is one idea
  - Fall fundraiser is for the field trip

### Hospitality report

- Holiday treats were provided to staff and teacher appreciation luncheon receipts were provided. 85 to 90 was the number they used, and it was a little short. Planning for valentines treats for staff. First week of May is teacher appreciation and that will be an opportunity for hospitality. 2 retirements- usually 25-dollar gift card and a card are provided for retirees.
- Popcorn Fridays has been cancelled due to snow and cold days so far this year but there are volunteers for each time slot.

### Looking forward:

- Next year we will need a new secretary and a treasurer shadow and President/ vice president. Shannon Moreland was suggested.
- 6<sup>th</sup> grade orientation April 30 (tentative) would also be an event PTO provides cookies and punch for as well as 8<sup>th</sup> grade Awards night May 14<sup>th</sup> (tentative).
- To encourage more student volunteers, it was suggested the PTO signup sheets were provided at beginning of year events rather than stuck into the end of year packed with a dozen other things. Online option for sending out the no hassle was also discussed. A google volunteer form sent out through skyward messenger might be helpful.
  - Doodle was suggested as a great app for picking dates for events.

March 7<sup>th</sup> is next meeting, letting the candidates speak first and business meeting after.