

## Parkside Jr High PTO meeting March 7, 2019

### Principal's Report

- Monday, April 29, 2019 – 6th Grade Orientation. PTO will serve cookies and punch.
- May 14, 2019 – 8th Grade Awards Night, PTO will serve cookies and punch. This event is by invitation only and students will be notified by mail.
- May 30, 2019 is 8th Grade picnic at Normal West; PTO will help with finding volunteers and possibly donations. Lunch will be picnic style hot dogs, watermelon, drinks, and dessert. Need volunteers to serve drinks and cut up watermelon. Students may also use the pool.
- IL Assessment of Readiness (IAR) testing is April 8-12, replacing PARCC. Principal would like PTO to purchase \$100 worth of gum and mints to provide to students during the tests. PTO board will need to review as no budget numbers provided at this meeting.
  
- School Board and City Council Candidates attended our meeting
  - Meta Mickens-Baker
    - Current recruiter at State Farm, former middle school science teacher
    - Running for 2 year term
    - Unit 5 Board Member since 2004
    - Commends herself as a listener and collaborator
    - Educate to Commit to Excellence – STEM, language arts, career options, etc.
  - Kelly Pyle
    - Appointed to Unit 5 School Board, August 2018 due to vacancies
    - Citizens Advisory Council 2017-2018
    - Involved in Grove Elementary PTO
    - Running for 4 year term on school board
    - Worked as an audiologist, clinical educator, and instructor at ISU for more than 10 years.
    - Currently an academic advisor working with incoming freshman and transfer students as they transition to college life.
    - More info at [facebook.com/pyleforunit5board](https://facebook.com/pyleforunit5board)
    - Dedicated to academic achievement and success of every student
    - Believes that quality schools educate kids, strengthen our community and attract new business
    - Focused on maintaining a balanced budget
    - Illinois has a new evidence based principal -- Unit 5 should be getting 32 million annually; we are getting \$6 million.
  - Amy Roser
    - Appointed to Unit 5 School Board, August 2018 due to vacancies
    - Citizens Advisory Council (CAC) for 4 years
    - Unit 5 Strategic planning team member on curriculum committee in 2016
    - Coleen Hoose PTO member and reading garden chair for 2 years
    - Running for 4 year term on school board
    - Career educator working at ISU for 24 years – admissions office and now retention program to stay in school, on task and motivated
  - Kelly & Amy are running for seats on the School Board against LaNell Greenberg for 2 seats.
  - Please VOTE on April 2, 2019
  - Bone Student Center has early voting, otherwise all regular voting locations will be used for this election.
  - IL townships consist of 72 square miles for most of Illinois and Bloomington/Normal has multiple townships. Top vote getters receive automatic positions unless someone is already in that township.

Next PTO Meeting will be Thursday, April 11<sup>th</sup>

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### President's Report

- PTO President's Meeting at Unit 5 District Office on Thursday, February 28, 2019
  - School Calendar is out on Unit 5 Website
  - School Closings – Coordinated group decision made before 4 am
  - All District Fundraiser – Puzzle pieces can be purchased for \$1
  - 5 Essentials Survey -- Did not say whether we get any/all results for the district or not
  - Infinite Campus Demo with vendor – this will be replacing Skyward
- No Amazon smile update -- pended to next month
- Have not heard back from Lenore – if custodian is interested in deep cleaning popcorn maker this summer, what would the price be? It was last cleaned October 2017.
- Officer positions are coming open for next year – Principal Cooper will put in monthly report.
  - Dawn Hall will take over Secretary from Connie for next school year.
- Pack the Place
  - Earned \$450 - 500 per night on average for these fundraisers
  - Need more parent volunteers
  - Requesting a co-chair for Michelle
  - Lessons learned on what sold; Gondolas were a hit
  - These are worth the effort, need to communicate as early as possible to students/school
  - Leftovers bought from Wrestling group for last Pack the Place event; Sold to PTO for cost and Amy Charlett will coordinate with the office to do money transfer?
  - Need to decide on a goal for what to spend the profits on to benefit the school
    - Water bottle filling station is one idea and was brought up to principal by another school parent
  - Basketball game suggestions-- do half-court shot and have kids purchase tickets for that

### Hospitality Report

- What is in the budget for teacher appreciation?
- 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 sign up genius has been resent for volunteers on remainder of time slots.

### Looking forward:

- Next year we will need a new President/ Vice President and Treasurer. Shannon Moreland was suggested. Dawn Hall will take over as Secretary.
- April 4th meeting has been moved to April 11<sup>th</sup> due to Darrin & Angela being unavailable on the 4th.
- Need to review Budget line items before the end of the year.
  - Add a Caring and Sharing line item – Ex: Mrs. Knowles Breast Cancer Benefit