

Pittsfield PTO Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:13 PM by Co-President Jill Priestley

Present

Jill Priestley, Aaron Kraft, Carol Shakarian, Lindsey Wolfe, Anne Wizauer, Marquita Casey-Oden, Anthony Lauer, Kelly Brecken, Jenn Carlson, Teresa Maldonado, Kori Kasara

Introductions

Principal's Report

Carol Shakarian

- Congratulations to Maggie Rohde on her Karen Thomas Grant from the Ann Arbor Education Foundation - \$1500 for building STEM interests into the Media Center collection
- Each year we enjoy extremely helpful partnerships with our community
 - University of Michigan School of Education provides us the ability to mentor student interns who learn from our professional staff and in turn they provide additional opportunities for our children to learn
 - University of Michigan School of Education in partnership with the Ann Arbor Public Schools, provides foreign language student interns to teach world language to students in grades 3 and 4
 - University of Michigan School of Literature, Science, & the Arts provides Project Community student volunteers who spend between 1.5 – 3 hours in a classroom per week and they end their semester with a project that benefits the school in some way
 - University of Michigan School of Literature, Science, & the Arts Psychology department provides student mentors
 - Concordia College also provides pre-student teachers and student teaching interns
 - The Pittsfield Grange is a long-standing community partner that annually provides English and Spanish Dictionaries for each 3rd grade student, sponsors our annual Math/Science Family Fun Night, and provides transportation each spring for our 3rd grade class' field trip to Rural Education Days at the Washtenaw County Farm Council Grounds
- Highlights from the WISD Educational Council
 - District enrollment has been increasing from 16,449 to 16,815 to 17,100 for this year
 - 5.8% (1:20) students are school of choice
- Exterior doors will be locked as a part of the security initiative likely starting sometime in January
 - Exact schedule and procedures still being determined

President's Report

Jill Priestley/Lindsey Wolfe

- Thank you to Tina Gould for keeping the PTO bulletin boards updated and looking nice
- Thank you to Jen Duman for organizing the restaurant nights
- Thank you to Matt Newman for a successful movie night
- Winter Dance will be held on January 29th
- Disability Awareness Workshop
 - Lidia Kraft to coordinate volunteers and would appreciate a co-coordinator
 - Kori Kasara is willing to co-chair the event
- Bylaws update: Indemnification clause and conflict of interest
 - Officer training highlighted that we have a few fairly standard items that should be considered
 - Draft circulated of proposed language for adding an Indemnification clause to the end of our current bylaws

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- Anne Wizauer motions to add with change of named from Director to President, Marquita Casey-Oden seconds, all are in favor and motion passes
- A conflict of interest statement will be drafted for use in this summer's executive board meeting

Approve Consent Agenda

- ➔ Motion to approve by Lindsey Wolfe and seconded by Jenn Carlson
- ➔ No discussion
- ➔ All in favor, passed

Treasurer's Report

Anthony Lauer

- ➔ \$17,445 in net assets, a \$830 decrease for the month mostly due to book fair expenses
- ➔ 40% of teacher grant money has been claimed
- ➔ Gained \$144 from movie night
- ➔ Participating households in Kroger Rewards has doubled, kudos to Aaron for getting people signed up
- ➔ PTO funds have been approved for pre-payment of field trips and to supplement Leslie Science Center grants

PTOC Report

Anne Wizauer

- ➔ Meeting topics were LGBTQ issues and health issue coverage in classrooms
- ➔ SHIFT grant used to decrease health challenges and decrease verbal and physical bullying
- ➔ 8.7% of state students identify as LGBTQ in grades 9-12
- ➔ Sexual Health Advisory Board approves curriculum surrounding health topics

PTO Thrift Report

Anne Wizauer

- ➔ Raffle ticket sales are ongoing and must be turned in before December 30th
 - Thank you to Kori and Abby for the sales efforts
- ➔ Profit distribution coming in January

Open Discussion

- ➔ Jenn Carlson confirming IB presentation at January PTO meeting, try to promote to 5th grade parents
- ➔ Marquita Casey-Oden confirms Little Caesar's pizza kit sale January 11-22 with delivery on February 3rd
- ➔ Aaron Kraft is working with the Washtenaw County Foster Grandparent program to have seniors placed at Pittsfield to provide a variety of classroom assistance on a regular basis
- ➔ Anthony Lauer reminds all that the hour of code is coming and code.org has a variety of games and resources to promote coding
- ➔ Anthony Lauer has been researching bringing Ga-Ga Ball to Pittsfield
 - Costs range from \$500-\$4500 depending on materials and design
 - 30x30 square, semi-level surface away from classroom windows is needed
 - Will move forward with researching options and permissions for possible spring installation
- ➔ Lindsey Wolfe discovered that Pizza Hut still sponsors a Book It program to promote reading outside of the classroom
- ➔ Lindsey Wolfe is continuing to work with Mr. G to find ways to reach out to all families at Pittsfield

Meeting adjourned at 8:02pm