

Pittsfield PTO Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2015

Meeting called to order at 6:05 PM

Present

Marquita Casey-Oden, Kathy Morhous, Jill Priestley, Leigh Sanderson, Craig Brecken, Kelly Brecken, Kim Gouin, Jenn Carlson, Kerri Mose, Kori Kasara, Lindsey Wolfe, Maggi Idzikowski, Tina Gould, Teresa Maldonado

Teacher Presentations

Ms. Kim Gouin, Special Education Teacher

- Special Education team at Pittsfield is made up of full and part time staff with support at the district level
- A tiered system of interventions exist
 - Tier 1 is classroom implementation
 - Continued struggling leads to continued interventions
 - Services and evaluations from Title I, Reading Intervention, ELI
 - Next step is determining if a formal evaluation is needed
- Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Formal document stating a child's disability and the education plan constructed
 - Several disabilities qualify for services, but one must be listed
 - Plan is reviewed yearly

Ms. Maggi Idzikowski, Media Specialist

- Introducing the idea of keeping the media center open in the summer, as at Bryant this year
- Reading aloud to children is critical
 - Increases vocabulary and attention span
 - Connects enjoyment and reading
 - Students who are read to get better grades
 - Provides togetherness time with our kids
- Tips to prevent summer slide
 - Visit the library and allow children to pick books they love
 - Make sure they see you reading
 - Take time each day to read
 - Books, bathroom and bed lamp (find unique places for reading opportunities)
- Resource list coming soon
 - Bookandahug.com
 - Bookopolis

Principal's Report

Kathy Morhous, Acting Principal

- Family Math & Science Night needs volunteers to assist with running activities
 - Binder is available with activity ideas

Approve Consent Agenda

- Motion to approve by Leigh Sanderson and seconded by Lindsey Wolfe
- No discussion
- Passed

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PTOC Report

Lindsey Wolfe

- April meeting focused on school budget
- Steve Norton of Michigan Parents for Schools explained the Ann Arbor Public School per pupil allowance has declined steadily since 2000 and we now get \$390 less per pupil than in 2011
- Ann Arbor Public Schools' growth strategy and efficiency measures have helped to stabilize our budget but we are still under tremendous pressure as operating costs increase due to inflation and state requirements
- There are three plans currently proposed in Lansing
 - Governor's plan will result in \$55 less per student
 - House plan may add \$11 per student
 - Senate proposal which keeps funding the same
- Let your state government know how you feel about school funding

President's Report

Leigh Sanderson / Jill Priestley

- Available 2015/2016 PTO positions
 - Vice President
 - Merchandising Chair, Co-Fundraiser Chair
- Ice Cream Social update
 - All details falling into place
 - New games, secured food donations and silent auction items
 - Event Facebook page and volunteer sign-up are developed
 - Box in the office for raffle and other donations
 - May need additional popcorn coverage this year
- Recent event shout outs
 - Disability Workshop - Lidia Kraft, Deanna Kempke
 - Teacher Appreciation Week - Samina Barritt
 - And all who donated items and volunteered their time for these special events
- Fun Run - Fall 2015
 - Lindsey Wolfe willing to co-chair
 - Marquita Casey-Oden is interested in assisting
 - Spacing of other fundraisers would be important
 - Timing dependent on school calendar
- Additional fundraising discussion
- Last meeting of the year is June 9th at which the new executive board will be voted into office

Treasurer's Report

Leigh Sanderson

- At this point in the year we have only spent \$102 more than was budgeted for
- 64-66% of teacher grant money has been issued for the year
- \$201 came in for the month of April

Open Discussion

- Ice Cream Social flyers coming home this week in backpack mail
- PTO website will need a new hosting company as HVCN is closing down over the next 6 months

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM