

Churchville PTA General Membership Meeting

October 30, 2023

Location: Churchville Middle School & Zoom

Attendees:

Gina Reeder, Lisa Wormer, Marcie Schmidt, Leslie Boeckel, Jennifer DeBosschere, Dulce Renelli, Maritza Beltran, Jenna Oskin, Aruna Rao, Carolyn Valentino

Zoom Attendees:

Gillian Collons, Kristen Gryglas, Anne-Marie Gustafson, Anne Rockwell, Kim Ludwig, Sarah Porterfield

- I. Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance
Start the meeting Motion [1st & 2nd] Marcie Schmidt, Jenna Oskin
- II. Approval of September 2023 minutes
Motion [1st & 2nd] Leslie Boekel, Rema Farias
- III. Reports

Programs and Events Report

Friday Night Dance Classes for 7th & 8th grade (November/December)

- Committee chair - Candice Reggi
- 53 kids registered with a good mix of 7th & 8th
- Six Dates November 3, 10, and 17, and December 1, 8, and 15
- The cost is \$60/student and PTA will make sure All students will have an outfit and cost covered if necessary through a social worker

Individual Grade Social Event

- 6th Grade – 11/7, 7:00-9:00 PM at Sky Zone
- 8th Grade – 12/4, 7:00-9:00 PM at Sky Zone
- 7th Grade – 12/18 7:00-9:00 PM at Sky Zone

Next Ladies Night Out - Thursday, Nov 30, 2023 -Shop, Sip & Earn

- Participating Kie & Kate, Cuvee, and Bottle Theory
- Portions of sale proceeds from Kie & Kate, Cuvee, and Bottle Theory go to Churchville PTA
- Kie & Kate 10% discount off of all sales with 15% of sales going back to PTA

- We would like to invite incoming 6th-grade students so they can mix & mingle with existing parents and ask any questions they may have

Principal's Report

- We are having a warm winter coat drive, 50 have already been given out
- State police have a social media program that will be presented in December to the students
- The December electives selection process may be pushed out due to a potential new schedule, please be patient

Teacher's Report

The librarian, Maria Gargano, spoke about the importance of promoting reading at home.

- For example - visit the library, and discuss what they are reading about. Find topics that really interest them, and lead by example.
- Studies have shown that those who read and put down their electronic devices are less stressed and have a lower rate of anxiety
- The book, Outcast United, is the chosen All School Read book. Parents can borrow to read before the kids get their books. See the librarian to borrow the book, please return it prior to Winter Break.
- Pickleball Tourney for both students and families on January 19, 2024. Funds raised go toward a scholarship in memory of Marsha Amerio.

Treasurer's Report

- There is a discrepancy in the PTA name that is on the bylaws and on the bank account. Treasurer is working on having the bylaws amended so they match and we can switch from Fifth Third to Chase.
- Volunteers that agreed to Audit | Jennifer DeBosschere, Dulce Renelli, and Maritza Beltran

Membership's Report

- We are going to make a huge push, through emails, social blasts, and more targeted emails to parents to collect more to fund activities for the school and support teachers. Additional ideas to promote are in the works.

President's Report

- Thank you to our Teacher Appreciation Committee for making sure that we had nice meals set up for Parent Teacher Conferences and to everyone who donated items
- Thank you to all Churchville students who helped volunteer at Emerson's Fall Fest – we had many students help and received high compliments from Emerson's parents and Fall Fest Committee leaders about how polite and helpful they were.
- PTA Council Update – Dr. Rubenstein attended and provided an update
 - Stressed the importance of attendance practices
 - Stated that two absences per month equates to ~10% of the school year missed

- o He also discussed the D205 Homework policy and wanted to squash rumors that our District does not believe in issuing homework to students
 - o Referenced that the Handbook touches upon the homework policy and stated that homework should be used to reinforce and reapply skills
 - o He also talked about the DPAC meetings that took place on 9/21 & 9/22 to talk about the future of the program as the oldest class will be entering middle school next year. Churchville will be receiving the DPAC program middle students next year
 - o He also talked about the Middle School survey that went out to both parents and students earlier this year about time utilization during the school day
 - o He said all three middle schools will be meeting and collaborating on data
 - o He said there will be a focus on scheduling priorities based on the data as well as non-negotiable items from the State BOE, daily science, and social studies and the impacts to staffing needs to accommodate changes.
- Dr. Kelly Henry provided an update for the BOE
 - o Expressed excitement for having all 8 schools up and running this year
 - o Provided a quick referendum update highlighting the Churchville, Hawthorne (Corridor & Media Room), and Madison (entire school reno) renovations that are slated next
 - o She gave an update on the budget, stating that it was stable and reflected a commitment to high-quality education
 - o She also discussed staffing needs and said that there is a growing number of kindergartners, and launching full-day kindergarten has created a need for more staff
 - o She also said that there is a growing population of ELL students and more staff may be needed
- UCCA provided an update about the holiday food drive
 - o UCCA works with D205 and school social workers to identify families who are food insecure, collections run through 11/17
 - o There is information in the PTA newsletter about items that are needed. There is also an option to donate money and UCCA will shop for the needed items.
- The Foundation 205 Showcase date is set for February 3, 2024
- Programs also provided an update on providing Social Media Safety Programming
 - o Hoping to create a series that looks similar to the Executive Functioning that REACH provided last year
 - o Working on buy-in from the District Administration
 - o May also ask Foundation 205 to help fund in addition to possibly asking for school PTAs to contribute funds

- Anne-Marie and I are working with Dr. Reeder and developing the wishlist of items that we may fundraise for. This is a list that Dr. Campbell is requesting from all PTAs and needs to be turned in by our next PTA Council meeting on 11/7.

IV. New Business

- The PTA Council President is now aware of some of the disparities in the different middle schools. The issue is on her radar and she will help make corrections.

VII. Upcoming Events/ Important Dates

November

- 11/3 Reflections Entrees Due - Churchville Office
- 11/3 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)
- 11/7 6th Grade Social at Sky Zone – 7:00-9:00 PM
- 11/10 Veteran's Day Assembly – 2:00 PM
- 11/10 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)
- 11/17 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)
- 11/30 Shop, Sip & Earn (Ladies Night Out!) – Kie&Kate, Cuvee and Bottle Theory

December

- 12/1 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)
- 12/4 8th Grade Social at Sky Zone - 7:00-9:00 PM
- 12/5 Eat & Earn at Portillo's to support our PBIS Program
- 12/8 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)
- 12/18 7th Grade Social at Sky Zone – 7:00-9:00 PM
- 12/15 Friday Night Dance Class (7th/8th Grades)

VII. Adjourn

Motion [1st & 2nd] Jenna Oskin, Rema Farias

Next PTA Meeting – Next PTA Meeting is January 16, 2024 at 7:00 pm