

Boyce Middle School
PTO
General Meeting
September 14, 2016, - 9:30 a.m. Boyce LGI

Katy called the meeting to order. The pledge of allegiance was recited.

The agenda for the September meeting and the minutes from the May meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was read.

The Boyce Middle School PTO total assets currently is \$30,218.17 Current income for student activity fee is \$21,507. There are 385 memberships. The actual amount is higher than budgeted amount.

The Family Welcome Day that was held on Tues, August 16th cost \$324.29. There are welcome gifts left over from this year. We should have enough for next year.

PT council split \$495 to Council Directory and Welcome Committee, Arts Program and Spelling Bee.

There were some over payments and under payments for activity fees. Almost all of those people have been contacted. 8 over paid and 3 responded and said donate the extra amount, 1 needed refunded and the other 4 did not respond. Under payments – 1 paid, 2 did not respond.

Only 1 check was returned. 3 more checks on dispute – 1 over paid, 1 only paid for 1 child, and 1 has no name. Prema is working on these issues.

New officers for the 2016-2017 Boyce PTO have been reported to the state and the form is on file with the treasurer and Parent Teacher Council. The Boyce PTO Treasurer documents were provided to Denise Henning, volunteer and CPA, in August and we are waiting on the return of the audit to file our 2015/16 taxes.

Budget – See September Budget Report

A motion was made by Lucy Higginbotham and seconded by Lisa McMillan to pay the bills. Motion carried.

Correspondence – Kathy Hoedeman letter thanking the PTO for the luncheon.

Special Guests Reports –

Amy Billerbeck – School Board

Amy has been on board for 9 years. June – passed the budget and curriculum review and recommendations. STEAM offerings – 300 kids participated, leadership academy – 300 hundred kids, 2 week gym class earns them credits to free up their schedule – 300 kids participated. Turf was replaced at high school stadium. Capital projects ad hoc committee – considering highest priority capital item projects. 3 big projects as priorities (discussion only) - Pool at high school, Boyce field has no rest room facilities, press box at the stadium. Committee is looking for input from organizations, teams & clubs for Public input. Refinancing some bonds to save money. Done periodically.

Teacher Representative – Matt Henderson

Teacher Report: Nothing to Report - Thanked the PTO for their participation and hard work.

STEAM Design Teacher at Boyce. Presentation in the classroom on the program.

Kevin Clark & Matt Dudley - Deer Valley

They introduced the Deer Valley program. Experience away from school – social experience and academic disciplines. There is a link on the Boyce website for all information on Deer Valley trip. Trips start May 8th.

Fundraising will start soon. The fundraiser for the trip is a Garbage bag sale. If you sell 50 rolls it will pay for the child and parents trip. Fundraising is optional. Sale lasts for approximately 2 weeks.

Presidents Report – Katy Loomis

Dr. O’Toole Open Mic sponsored by PT council - Wednesday, Nov 9th at 7pm in the Boyce Auditorium.

Directory Update – 97% completion with online registration.
Verification email sent out in next week or so. 10 days to verify.
Distribute in mid-October.

A Sharing and Caring committee has been voted on and created at the PTC level. This Committee will allow the PTC and school units to extend help to USC students in need of help in a time of crisis. The purpose of the committee is “to foster a sense of sharing and caring within the USC community. Committee members will act, when requested, to offer assistance to USC families experiencing a time of crisis, hardship or need.”

Dates to Remember

Picture Day Friday, October 16th

Open House, Thurs, October 22nd from 7-9pm –Early Dismissal 1:15

Progress reports Sept 26.

1st Vice President – Stacey Cobb

No Report

2nd Vice President – Dan O’Rourke

Thank you for coming to the meeting & thank you to the board for your support and time.

The school year is off to a great start.

Themes for this year are enhancing excellence, filling buckets.

Board advisor – Brenda Tomscheck

No Report

Apples for Students –

Apples for students started on Sept. 1st. Please register your Advantage Card using our school ID number 0107. Cardholders can register for more than one school. Points (cash for school PTO) are earned on a percentage of total sales from cardholders and will benefit the Boyce PTO. Please watch for flyers at Open House. Thank you in advance for your support!

Author’s Day - Ponny Jahn

Date is flexible but looking at holding the event in Dec. Still looking into an author. Had a potential author but he was at Eisenhower last year.

Band parents –

Band has started before school rehearsals and individual lessons.

Book Fair – Susan Coyle & Tricia Eccher

Dates: November 7th -11th with an online sales that runs November 3rd-16th. Volunteer clearances are needed. FYI Police department is doing finger printing Tuesday and Thursdays with an appointment.

Box Tops- Amy Shegan –

Free gym time for winning team. This will run from September 19-October 7th.

Chess Club –

We are planning to have Chess Club again this year in the fall and spring for 6 week sessions. The USC High School Chess Club students are willing to return to Boyce again this year (yay!) to run the club for our students. We are targeting Wednesdays after school, but that still needs to be confirmed. We will likely start in late October again for the fall session. Cost TBD but it will most likely be less than last year (last year was \$15).

Chorus parents – Amanda McQuillan & Dani Kramer –

5th grade there were 133 students – 2 teams meet every other Monday. Remind system gives updates. Cut off for chorus is this Friday. Please see Mrs. Schetley's website for Voice of Boyce info meeting that students can attend if they are interested in trying out. 6th grade – 4 festivals that they will participate in. Sectionals being done this year. Split by boys and girls for 5th grade. 6th grade is keeping with one group because numbers are smaller.

Memory Book –

The 2016-2017 Josten Memory books will be available to purchase online starting September 19th. The prices will start at \$27.00 until November 4th! After November 4th the price will go up \$5.00. In addition, if the order is

placed by October 7th there are 4 free icons with the purchase of personalization! We will also be answering questions and accepting orders at Boyce Open House on September 22nd. Please bring cash or a check made out to Jostens.

Memory Book Photographers - Karen Tindale

5th & 6th grade year book pictures can be sent to boyceyearbookpictures@gmail.com

Orchestra parents – Mondeep Puri & Amy Sarkett -
Rehearsals have begun.

Staff Appreciation – Melissa Stalder, Ruth Rush, Jeanne McNamara and Tracey Ruffner

A Welcome Back to School Breakfast is being planned for our wonderful teachers and staff at Boyce Middle School for Fri, September 23rd! If you would like to donate breakfast item/s, please contact Melissa Stalder. She has a list of favorite breakfast item suggestions. If you are able to help, please drop off your item on September 23rd between 7-7:15am at the office. Thank you in advance for all of your help in making this event a success!!

Student Activity Fee/Binder Reminder – Lucy Higginbotham –
90% (613 people) have paid the activity fee. Emailing last few to try to collect fees.

Family Welcome Day – Katy Loomis –

This event was successful. Followed same general format as last year. There was high attendance. Fees could be paid that day and that was successful. Thank you Dan O'Rourke and Tina Vojtko for being in the building.

Deer Valley Fundraiser – Brenda Tomsheck

Garbage bag sales starts next Wednesday. Both 5th and 6th can fundraise. We manage and keep track of the students accounts. During the 6th grade year a form will come home with what student has raised. Deer Valley Account : \$8,065.87

Youth Steering Committee – Amy Billerbeck

Anyone is invited to attend meetings, 1st Wednesday of the month in the evening at the rec center. Plan programming for the year (internet safety, drug alcohol abuse etc). Brian Choice is the first event. Looking for new members.

Unfinished Business-

Committee chairs for spirit night and spirit wear were available. Heather Ziegler volunteered for this. 2015-16 memory books will go out in October

New business –

2 Executive votes -

1. The school needed 50 more binder reminders for the building. The Board voted and approved \$134.50 out of Gifts to School for the purchase of the additional binders.
2. Donation in memory of Dr.O'Toole's mother, Mary Catherine Murphy Schierberl for \$14.29 for a scholarship fund. The board voted and approved the donation.

STEAM Club– Elementary schools are looking into and will have after school clubs for steam. We are looking into this for Boyce and the possibility of starting a club or different ways to support Mr Henderson.

1:1 initiative blog active. Link on the Boyce webpage and main Upper St Clair webpage.

Next PTO Meeting – Wednesday Oct. 12th, 2016

Meeting Adjourned