PTO Middle School

General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, April 12, 2023, 1pm

Attendance: Erica Baldasare, Shanna Caplan, Kevin Clark, Val Franks, Sherri Garvey, Paula Hobbs, Ashlee Lentini, Jean Montgomery, Dr. Christine Mussomeli, Amanda Nasman, Dr. Daniel O'Rourke, Nicole Paoly, Rachelle Patel, James Reik, and Alyson Stockton

Call to Order and Pledge of Allegiance

Reading and Approval of Agenda A motion to approve the Agenda was made by Amanda. The motion was seconded by Shanna.

Approval of Meeting Minutes from March A motion to approve the March Minutes was made by Amanda. The motion was seconded by Val.

Treasurer Statements - Amanda Nasman

- The Proposed Budget for the 2023-2024 School Year was presented by Erica. She highlighted any changes that were made. The Proposed Budget is available on the PTO's website. A direct link was also included in the April General PTO Meeting invitation email.
- Treasurer Monthly Update Report
    - The PTO's beginning balance was $32,386.41.
    - A check written to the PTC was voided, increasing our balance by $10.
    - Disbursements for March included gift cards for Student Council to give to counselors and bus drivers, highlighters and gift tags for students.
    - At the end of March, the PTO's account balance was $31,979.49.

Secretary Correspondence - Nicole Paoly had nothing to report.

Teacher Representative - Mr. Henderson had class but sent a reminder through Dr. Mussomeli. It is Boyce Night at the Washington Wild Things on Friday, June 2nd. Students who completed a Reading Challenge program led by Ms. Bolts will be recognized on the field during the game.

Boyce Principal - Dr. O'Rourke

- Kevin Clark - Deer Valley Overview
    - Mr. Clark is a 6th grade Science teacher and head of the Deer Valley trip/curriculum.
    - Boyce has offered the Deer Valley trip (officially the Earth Warden program) for thirty seven years. It is held in May at the YMCA Deer Valley Camp in Somerset County, Pennsylvania.
    - This outdoor environmental education trip also incorporates math, ELA, performing arts, and recreation. District Staff lead the program with support from the parents who attend. Boyce has seven to ten staff members at camp while an impressive 95% of parents attend along with their children.
    - This year the trip includes two days and one night at the Deer Valley Camp and one day at the Boyce campus.
- Sherri Garvey - Enrichment Opportunities Overview

- Ms. Garvey is a former 6th grade ELA teacher at Boyce. She is now the 6th grade gifted teacher in addition to running the school-wide Enrichment page on Canvas.
- This page has optional activities in a variety of subjects to challenge students. There are also links to contests for students to enter. Wordle is the most popular activity on the site!
- A prize drawing is done each month to award students who have completed enrichment activities. Three 6th grade and three 5th grade students are randomly selected.

What's New Since Our Last General Meeting?

- Erica highlighted a few changes to the PTO's By-laws and Standing Rules.
- A brief presentation of Executive Board voting results about use of the 2022-2023 Surplus Funds:
  - Providing $2,000 to further support/expand the Panther's Pride program [6 Yes/0 No]
  - Providing $2,000 to further support/expand the Boyce Pride program [5 Yes/1 No]
  - Discounting Boyce Yearbooks for students by $10, up to a total of $6,000 [6 Yes/0 No]
  - Purchasing $966 worth of additional Recess Equipment for classrooms:
    - 48 Soccer Balls [6 Yes/0 No]
    - 24 Nerf Footballs [6 Yes/0 No]
    - 40 Jump Ropes [5 Yes/1 No]
    - 24 Outdoor Basketballs [6 Yes/0 No]
- The Executive Board candidates for the 2023-2024 School Year were introduced.
  - The candidate for Vice President is Rachelle Patel. She currently has two children in 5th and 4th grades. She lives in the Eisenhower part of the district.
  - The Secretary candidate is Shannon VanKirk. She has a 3rd and 4th grader at Eisenhower this year.
- Voting will be held in-person during our May PTO Changeover meeting. Voting will include approval of the budget, approval of changes to the By-Laws and Standing Rules, approval of the use of Surplus Funds, and to elect a Vice President and Secretary for the 2023-34 school year.
- **Yearbooks:**
  - A link to purchase student yearbooks will be communicated in the coming weeks. This year, the yearbooks will be mailed directly to you. It is expected they will arrive in July.
  - The Boyce PTO Executive Board approved to subsidize $10 per student for the purchase of a 2022-2023 yearbook. The price shown on the online order form will already have the $10 discount.
- **Arts in USC**
  - Communications will be forthcoming as details are still being finalized. The deadline to submit artwork will be May 12th. The students' art will be returned to them in June.
  - This year, Arts in USC is an exhibit of student work instead of a judged competition.
  - On May 22, from 5 to 7pm, the Art Show will be held at the High School LGI (just inside the Arts Entrance to the building).
  - The PTO is also trying to arrange to have Boyce students' work displayed at the Celebration of Learning.

What's Happening in the Coming Weeks…

- **Upper St. Clair Band Festival,** featuring the bands from Boyce, Ft Couch, and the High School: April 13 at 7pm in the High School Theater
- **Boyce Musicals**
    - 6th Grade: April 18-19 from 7-8:30pm
    - 5th Grade: April 20-21 from 7-8:30pm
- **Spirit Night** at Chipotle on Tuesday, April 25th 5-9pm
- **Deer Valley:** Next Parent Meeting - April 26th from 7 - 8:30 pm in the Boyce Theater
- **PSSA Testing:** Various dates in late-April/early-May
    - Boyce PTO will be providing snacks during testing for students again this year.
- **Staff Appreciation:** The committee is working hard behind the scenes to thank our staff in early May.
- **Author's Day:** Gordon Korman will visit Boyce virtually on June 1st. Both 5th and 6th grade students will attend this presentation.
- **Field Day:** June 2nd out on the Boyce Field. Rita's Ice will be served this year.
- **4th Grade Parent Move-up Night:** June 5th from 7-8pm
- **4th Grade Student Move-up Day:** June 6th
- **6th Grade Graduation/Move-up Day:** Dates TBD

Next PTO Meeting

- May 23rd at 11am for our Changeover Luncheon.
    - Will be held at Valley Brook Country Club
    - Further details and a registration link will be provided in the next Monthly Bulletin.

Adjournment