

9/16/11 PTO Meeting

Start Time: 12:04 Pm

End Time: 1:02 Pm

Attendance:

Board Members - Julie Brown, Janet Ingersoll, Sandy Koscinski, Stephanie Taylor

Staff: Asst. Principal- Craig Medd and PBS Co-Coordinator Jim Moiles

Parents: Carol Corey, Heidi Traver, Kristi Potts, Anne Marie Fleming, Michele Proos, Sheila Labian, Kelly Peterson, Amy Kavanaugh, Sherri Seem, Brandy Bushart, Lisa Nagy, Kristi Eiden, Jennifer Gilmorr, Barbara Marquis, Tim Brown, Shelbi Cummings, Jean Conklin, Jodi VanderWheele, Heather Hamilton, Brenda Marsh, Korey Ford, Mary Lisk

*Introductions

*Purpose of the meeting- How can we be a more effective PTO

Committee meeting held prior, questions and concerns to be shared by parents at the end of this meeting. Discussed 3 pillars (Good Grades, Good Will, Good Fun) incorporated this in the design for a PTO Logo.

*Grants: Designated from PTO -\$700 for each Grade from PTO to be used for a field trip or however they choose. 7th and 8th grade no field trip currently. 6th grade salmon project-Andy Blackman shared information on the project. \$800 for teachers as mini-grants to purchase supplies they need.

*Tutor program: School is developing a reading program for kids who are struggling; a similar program has already been developed for math called Huskies Help. Jim Moiles discussed how summative and formative testing is done and that it is a tool for them to know that kids "get this;" it gets the kids ready to succeed. Feedback from Anne Marie Fleming to utilize high school students who need hours of community service. PTO will be a key resource for tutors.

* Achievement parties: A new idea supported by the PTO to inspire students to earn a 3.0 or higher. It will be an incentive to get better grades and if promoted the kids will talk about it and want to work at it.

*Request for Volunteer Chair: This person will be responsible for making sure parents who signed up for the Two Hour Power Pledge are included in volunteer needs. This person also contacts our growing data base of volunteers to serve as needs arise, such as parties and events, often without much notice.

Julie Brown showed sample of a Paw Print—every time a parent volunteers two hours, their name will be written on a paw print and attached to the wall. This is really more for their student's pride that mom/dad/guardian is involved at the school and cares.

Clarification--When parents are asked to volunteer for parties they will report to the front office where a grid will show their position and time at that position.

*Treasurer report: Currently working on the final report and will present at the October meeting, due to the transition from Theresa Miller leaving the position of treasurer to Jason and Sandy Koscinski stepping up to fill that position.

* Huski Den-Heidi Traver stated the den will be open every Wednesday for the students to shop. Ideas were shared about how to make a profit, Halloween: Kids Boo your friend cost .50 cents with a sucker and ghost attached. Order forms can be sent home for parents to fill out requesting items during holidays. LockerWorks organizers were shown: sold in the Den for \$23; these hang in the lockers to help organization.

*Principal Report- Craig Medd discussed open house 6:30-7 in the library a presentation given by Principal Dr. Celeste Harris and Vice Principal Craig Medd on the vision of the middle school. If parents choose to attend, the rest of the time for open house till 8:30 can be for students to show their parents around the building. Highly encouraged to bring students!

*Donations: PTO is asking each family to consider a one-time cash donation instead of having several fundraisers that take time and not much profit. Forms are available for this see Julie Brown or Jason/Sandy Koscinski.

*Fundraisers: Barnes and Noble was a success last year. Janet Ingersoll will have more information at the October meeting for the date and time. Fun family event that if you plan to shop at Barnes and Noble anyway for Holiday gifts why not have a percentage go back to the school. On line orders are honored, last year they gave us a week. We would like to again showcase kid's art and have live music. A gift wrapping table will be available for a slight fee to cover cost and some as profit. \$700 was earned last year.

*Needed: Grant/Fundraising Chair Person, see Julie Brown. Currently escript with Harding's; GFS also a possibility for same program.

*Comments from Parents:

Website concerns-Calendar not current, some of the eboards are not being used by all teachers, how to get information. Vice Principal Craig Medd addressed that not all dates are known at this time and that

it is being discussed at meetings. It was presented that the newsletter has a calendar on the website; possible e-blast from face book is going to be checked into.

Conferences: VP Craig Medd commented "NOT YET ANNOUNCED." Will be held in the cafeteria instead of the individual class rooms this year. Concerns about all the schools having them on the same days and times, it's difficult for parents who have children in more than one school. VP Craig Medd commented that this is a district level decision.

A parent mentioned safety concerns along Milham Road in front of the soccer field; a 6th grade North Middle student was offered drugs by the older community-school students and friends. VP Craig Medd discussed his concern and is working with the Principal Mr. Wagner at PCEC. All schools have this issue, the students at PCEC choose to go there because they can no longer attend the area public schools for varies reasons. These students have been disciplined for this recent incident. Police can be contacted if needed. Supervisors in the past were in place and due to budget cuts there is no longer a designated staff or officer at this area. Currently seeking a way to get this back in place. Students shouldn't have to take an alternative route to school to feel safe. Parents need to make complaints to the police department in order for them to get involved. The school can only do so much because this is taking place off school grounds.