

Board Attendees:
Alyssa Adeyemi, Edom Aweke, Sarah Yurasko, & Shanon Griffith
Members:
Andrea Szabo, Becky Rotem, Molly Quinones, Jason McConachy, Stacey Smith, Megan Dwyer, Jen Hallman, Laurie Wilson, Linda Emerson

Meeting Minutes:

Call to Order

- Ms. Adeyemi called the meeting to order at 7:05pm

Principal Update

- Mr. Bibbee was unable to attend so Ms. Adeyemi gave the update.
- As a reminder, the office will be closed Christmas week.
- Over the week of January 4th, the office will be open from 10am – 1pm

1st VP Report

- The update was given by Ms. Adeyemi
- Donuts with a VIP was a success and cards were sent out to three deployed service members
- Café Rio restaurant night had low turnout due to inclement weather
- Bingo Night
 - This event is tentatively scheduled for Feb 1st awaiting school approval
 - The PTA will be collecting prize donations after the holidays

2nd VP Report

- The PTA would like to recognize the following individuals for all their hard work:
 - Monica Fischer & Sarah Scott - Book Fair
 - Peichi Sopko – Enrichment Programs
 - Liz Gibbons and Emily Becker – Reflections
 - Shanon Griffith – Secretary
- Gifts for volunteers unable to attend the PTA meeting may be picked up from the PTA room or at the January meeting.

President's Report

- National PTA School of Excellence:
 - The PTA recently submitted an application for the National PTA school of excellence.
 - Thank you to all who responded to the survey (10% response) to select a focus area.
 - Selected Focus Area: Improving Education - Create a culture and climate that includes all families
 - We hope to fulfil this throughout the year, primarily through the actions of our two newly created committees:
 - New Military Families Committee
 - New Special Needs Committee
- Veteran's Day Assembly:
 - First ever, well attended and very well received event.
 - There is a video posted to PTA facebook page if you have not gotten to view it yet
- Special Education Committee:
 - The committee recently applied for a Special Olympics grant, but it was not received.
 - The committee is still going to work with the Special Olympics groups to bring Special Olympic events to the school.
 - 6th grade students recently submitted applications to become student mentors. 10 individuals were selected.
 - The committee plans to create an inclusive spring carnival:
 - A week of activities leading up to the event
 - Final Carnival Date - April 26th
- Restorative Justice:
 - The PTA is working with Ms. Hurley to prepare a presentation that will be given before the next PTA meeting.
 - There will be more details once the event is confirmed.
- The SCA will be sending a representative to our meetings to discuss some of their ideas.
- *Question: Has there been any movement on the Global Plus program? It is an afterschool program that provides language training? Can we get multiple languages? How do we apply?*
 - Ms. Adeyemi will follow up with Mr. Bibbee and Mrs. Patten
 - Ms. Adeyemi recommends that Andrea Szabo also follow up with both Mr. Bibbee and Ms. Waters

Committee Reports

- Spirit Wear:
 - We still have a lot of size small shirts
 - Almost all orders have been filled – there was one issue with a sweatshirt was not received and had to be ordered as a single item.
 - If people still want to order, please feel free to reach out

- There are also some shirts that were originally filled with the wrong color and we can sell these as well for 100% profit.
- Retro sale will begin in January
- *Suggestion: Set up a table at Bingo night*
- Silent Auction:
 - We are reaching out to the teachers to find out what they would like to do with the money from the Silent Auction.
 - Last year it was tagged for Technology and went to the new Broadcast club
 - March 21 – 26 – Tentative Dates
 - *Feedback: Parents would like to see the items before bidding.*
- Directory:
 - Information is submitted but we need to finalize formatting.
 - There were some parents who submitted signatures but the team was unable to decipher the names.
 - This needs to be sent to Ms. Adeyemi and Mr. Bibbee for final review before it is sent to print.
 - *Question: Should we provide this electronically rather than print.*
 - There was a discussion about pros and cons of this approach.
 - Money would be saved in printing costs.
 - The electronic directory could be placed on the website, password protected as a PDF. Ms. Adeyemi will follow up to see if this is possible.
 - Regardless of the final distribution method, the next step is still to finalize formatting and have it approved.
- Clubs:
 - Chess:
 - This club began on Mondays after school.
 - There were some minor timing issues, but responses have been positive from students.
 - Yoga:
 - This club also recently began.
 - The second session is scheduled to begin on Jan 8th
 - There is a large waiting list for this popular club. Ms. Hurley offered to host a second session so this club could be offered twice a week (two separate groups)
 - There would be no additional costs incurred by the PTA for a second session.
 - *No one is opposed to offering a second session*
 - Cardboard Club:
 - This group has also been very popular with lots of waitlisted students.
 - Ms. Rodas also offered to hold this club to an additional day a week (two separate groups)
 - This will not incur any additional costs to the PTA

- *No one is opposed to offering a second session*
- Lego Club:
 - If someone knows of another vendor who would like to start a lego club, we would be open to starting it again.
 - The vendor has to be approved by the county.
- STEM Clubs:
 - This club is scheduled to begin Tues / Fri – two different STEM clubs will be starting
 - The two groups focus on different age groups
- Drama Club:
 - If approved, this club will be held on Friday afternoons
 - This will be an inclusive club and Ms. Delaney has offered to assist during
 - *Question: Can the PTA offer to compensate Ms. Delaney for her time? Ms. Adeyemi will follow up.*
- Guitar Club:
 - This club is finalizing dates and times
 - Most likely, it will be held Wednesday before school.
- Running Club:
 - This is run through parent volunteers
 - The PTA hopes to start this club back up in the spring when the field opens.
- *Question: How are committee chairs doing with spending their money?*
 - This is something we need to focus on over the break so we can reallocate
- Box Tops
 - Fall Collection - \$689
 - February will be the final collection for the year
 - *Question: Can we send out a reminder to everyone before the break that this is our last push?*
 - Ms. Adeyemi will include this in the weekly highlights.
- Amazon Smiles:
 - Bringing in only about 45\$ a month
- *Question: Will PTA members get a discount for club fees?*
 - Not this year, because forms have already been finalized and sent out.
 - This will be implemented again next year.
- Yearbook:
 - Yearbook is going well.
 - The PTA is still looking for pictures from class parties and field trips.
- Bulletin Boards: going well
- Beautification:
 - Daffodils planted in the planters
- Talent Show:
 - Feb 21st tentative dates
 - Last year it was later but it was a conflict with SOLs

- Assemblies:
 - Looking into a couple spring options with an antibullying theme
 - Special Olympics also have some free assemblies which could help to save budget line items.

Treasurer's Report

- We are behind on budget due to unsuccessful restaurant nights and low membership. We may need to scale back some of our currently budgeted items.
- The surplus has been spent down and there are no extra funds for additional items.
- Professional Training Request:
 - There is 500\$ budgeted for the whole year
 - Ms. Hurley has requested 180\$ to travel to a speaking event
 - *Question: Will she receive professional training hours?*
 - We need to do more research to determine the exact use and prior to reviewing and discussing this
 - This request will be reviewed again at the next meeting
- We have paid our dues and taxes for the school year.

Questions:

- *Do we get feedback regarding county wide membership statistics?*
 - Ms. Yurasko will follow up.
- *Strings Concert: Why wasn't there adequate seating provided? Why did we combine the three concerts if we could not accommodate the family members?*
 - Ms. Adeyemi will forward these concerns to Mr. Bibbee
- Motion to end the meeting: Ms. Adeyemi.
 - Seconded: Mr. McConachy