

PTO MINUTES

8/10/2015

Meeting called to order: 6:05p.m.

Adjourned: 8:30p.m.

Attendees: Dr. Finch, Dr. Pennell, Blyth Saye, Kathryn Faircloth, Marci Carter, Bethany Torino, Katy Bert, StephaniManis, Maureen Rogers, Leslie Proctor, Brooke Kalb, Tony Marmol, Tiffany Dondanville, Wendy Strobel, Kellye Whitlow, Dawn Adams, Casey Prince, Kristie Hillenmeyer, Tammy Womack, Robert Saye, Margery Reese, Tarica Thomas, Shana Smith

Location: Heritage Middle School, Library

- **New Lunchroom Policy:** (Dr. Finch) Dr. Finch opened with explanation of new lunch and technology policy. She explains her concern for safety and order. Says Friday will be free seating if M-Th behavior is good. Kristi brings up communication issues with implementing new technology policy. She says that we need to be able to get in touch with our children. Dr. Finch is open to ideas to improve this issue. Dr. Pennell spoke for a minute about giving positive words to our children to support the new policy. She feels this approach will help every get acclimated to the new rules. Wendy asked for new policy to be written for parents so we can be clear as to what the new rules include.
- **Sponsorship Update:** (Leslie) Leslie is very optimistic about sponsorship response. She is expecting \$5,000 to come in and has a goal of \$7,000!
- **Membership Update:** (Bethany) Hornet night was terrific for new memberships! We already have approx the number of members as we did in total last year. Ideas were discussed as to how to get teacher involvement up, Dawn suggested "jean days" for any teacher who joins...Dr. Finch approved 5 jean days! Membership drive in late Sept is expected to bring in many new parent members as well. Ideas will be presented through email in the coming weeks.
- **Be Nice Week:** (Blyth) The Be Nice Bash is cancelled and redirected towards a Be Nice Week at school. Ideas were discussed. Shana proposed a "pay it forward" week for the students and staff to participate in Nice and Kind acts towards one another. Everyone liked the idea...email from Shana is expected within a week detailing the idea. Also proposed was a BE NICE to our school day...the Saturday following Be Nice Week, parents would meet at the school for a campus clean up. Bethany is emailing Dawn to get her ideas on how to organize this event.
- **Spirit Wear:** (Brooke) We sold \$4,619.63 worth of spirit wear at Hornet Night. We could have sold more if the system ran a little smoother, Brooke said. She asked for ideas from us for other spirit items to sell. Some of those mentioned were socks, stickers, bracelets and baseball hats.

- **Concessions:** (Blyth) Volunteer Spot is up and running thanks to hard work from Kathryn and Marci. This will be a great way for anyone who wants to volunteer to be able to do so easily. We want to get the responsibility passed around and opened up more so that all organizations in the school can benefit from concessions money!
- **Hospitality:**(Stephanie) Teacher Appreciation MONTH will be February. We are all excited about this change, because the end of school is such a hectic time. Stephanie feels the budget is adequate and is looking forward to spoiling our teachers!
- **Budget:** (Blyth) 2015 Budget was presented to the group for review. We approved it with no problem.
- **Save The Date:** (Blyth)
 - **Be Nice Week** – Sept. 7-11.
 - **Fall Event (and hayride?)** – October 24.
 - **Teacher Appreciation Meal**– Nov. 13.
 - **Winter Dance** – December 11.
 - **Spring Event** – March 11.
 - **Foam Party**– May 13th, Rain Out Date is May 14.

Adjourned: 8:15pm