

PTO Meeting – August 16, 2016

Meeting was called to order at 10:03am.

In attendance: Erin Gulden, Melinda Howell, Brooke Abitabilo, Robyn Cebulko, Melissa Kramer, Cathy Richter, Jeanine Bawker, Christy Bebee, Stephanie Colca, LaQuita Barnhart, Rachael Bunnell, Emily Montford, Jennifer Barnharm, Donna Lipscomb, Jennifer Randolph, Donna Lipscomb, Karen Millard, Catherine Schwarz, Mrs. Thayer and Stephanie Stinespring.

July meeting minutes - Melissa Kramer motioned to approve and motion was seconded by Christy Bebee. Vote passed unanimously.

Melinda Howell, new sunshine chair – Volunteers don't get paid not because they are worthless, but because they are priceless.

Mrs. Thayer – we have 1,495 students on the books, 15 haven't shown up. In 10 days time, if they still haven't shown, the number will be adjusted. Thanks to all who have shown up to volunteer. We have been approved for a 3rd assistant principal. The announcement will be made as soon as possible. We've hired a new 3rd grade teacher and a 2nd is in the works. We have 214 6th graders, our largest class. This is our 9th year, and it is a special year as it is the year that the current 8th graders started as Kindergarteners. Teachers are in place, everyone ready to go, so far we've had a seamless opening.

Q. from Melissa Kramer – will there be a new guidance counselor to go along with the new assistant principal? Good question, but no. You need 600 middle schoolers or 1,000 elementary schoolers for a 3rd guidance counselor. We are at 546 middle schoolers and approximately 928 elementary schoolers so we don't yet meet the criteria for a 3rd guidance counselor. You need 1,450 students for a 3rd assistant principal and we have now exceeded that.

Comment from LaQuita Barnhart - Thank you for hiring the 3rd grade teacher so promptly.

Erin Gulden – Melissa Kramer has put together new mail folder which will be located behind Brenda and Kim at the front desk. Each event will have its own folder. Please check folders each time you come to school if you are looking for checks, payments, etc. for your events.

Erin Archer not here due to upcoming knee surgery.

Brooke Abitabilo—we had a good wolf greeting, only short from our collection last year by about \$720. However, I collected some more \$\$this morning. Hoping to still meet our budget for this year.

Melissa Karmer– please make sure to fill out the collection of income forms and check request forms, you can find these under the forms tab on the PTO website. Sent around state of the bank statement, we recently moved to Vystar, they are amazing and they are so close. We've brought in almost \$15,000 in the first week of school. So far we've had a gain of about \$10,000 year to date. Copies of the full gain/loss statement are available if anyone would like to see.

Cathy – book fair is moved up to September, week of Labor Day, the 6th – 9th. Setup will be on Friday, September 2nd. Will send out an email asking for help. Would love all the help we can get. There will be testing in the library that week, so we will be open from 8:10 – 8:30 to catch the early morning crowd, then close from 8:30am – 10:30am and reopen from 10:30am – 3:00pm. Our night hours will be during the curriculum chats: K-2 on Tues. night from 5:00pm-6:00pm and 3rd-5th on Thursday night from 5:00pm -6:00pm. Cathy will jump on the Curriculum Chat Alert Nows for the Book Fair reminder and a reminder to Melissa that she will need cash for Tuesday morning, September 6th.

Question: When is 6th – 8th Curriculum Chat? It will be held on Tuesday, August, 30th.

Jeanine Bawker – Migrants are going well – just trying to finalize – teachers have until September 30th to send in their applications. Blessings in a Backpack, hope to get it up and running by next Friday. Got a nice surprise recently - Creekside Christian Church picked Blessings in a Backpack as their service project. They donated 15 bins of food. We kept 9 bins of food, and donated rest to Mandarin food bank, as some of it was bulk items that couldn't be broken down individually. At the end of the month they will have a Publix gift card for us as they had offertories all summer going toward Blessings in a Backpack as well.

Karen Millard – Running of the Wolves, noticed that the only people in this room registered are Karen and Catherine so she brought her laptop to pass around so we can all register today. (got 17 more registrations!) Kohls is a sponsor and running one of the water tables. Karen is getting trying to get people from her school to run the other water tables to free up LPA people to participate. Everything going smoothly, spread the word. Need more sponsors and more people to register!

Business partners – moving along. Lots of new business partners!

Spiritwear – Erin Archer says spiritwear has brought in about \$8k. Another order is being placed on August 23rd. Orders due by August 22nd. Charleston wrapping paper fundraiser starts October 3rd.

Carolyn Haines has been doing textbooks all week, almost done.

Boxtops up and running.

Stephanie Colca - New Meet the artist – have about 14 forms that have come in. We've contacted parents that have signed up. Kelly Avignone has offered to co-chair to help coordinate the calendar.

Old Business – Christy – thanks for all the help for the back to school luncheon. All the donations really help someone trying to plan an event like that keep it under budget, and it was all really appreciated.

Amber Burgoon did the Yahoo/Boohoo Breakfast this morning – thanks, she did a great job.

Q: Are we doing the gala again? NO, Running of the wolves will take it's place. We will also be doing a spring carnival for the 1st time.

Meeting adjourned at 10:42am.

Next meeting is Tuesday, September 13th, 10am.