

## PTA Meeting 9/14/16

### Attendees:

Alicia Barnaby  
Ryan Huppert  
Greg Ramey  
Nancy Haynes  
Nikki Shilton  
Mary Lewandoski  
Laura Vizard  
Michelle Jespersen  
Stacy Gray  
Chris Burgess  
Kate Clairi

- Fall Fest Update from Alicia
- October 22 4pm-8pm
- Considering the festival in phase 3 of 4 with regards to organizing.
- Games are set! Pop Ring Toss, Cake Walk, donut & pumpkin decorating, photo booth, hay ride.
- Need cake walk donations.
- Variety of Activities to ensure festival will be family friendly.
- Hoping to finalize Band to play music soon.
- No cost for admission, tickets will be sold for \$1 each and usable for all activities.
- Alicia is going to follow up with Corinne about possibly taking over and paying for the sign up genius because we have need of an on-line volunteer sign-up service.
- Food is covered. Will be having pulled pork, Hebrew National hot dogs, and burgers.
- Raffle prizes are still needed. The Big 3 are covered including a week long stay in a cottage in the UP! These will be in a drawing and the other prizes will have a can in front of them for you to place your tickets in for the prizes you would like to try to win. Still awaiting the raffle license.
- The building use form still needs to be filled out. Mr. Huppert will be working on that part with Ms. Rusch.
- Still need to advertise to neighbors as well. Alicia and Michelle are going to design something amazing!
- Nancy has gotten permission from the cemetery to park at their base lot for the hay rides. Mr. Dolphin is running the hay rides.
- The K-5 parents are very excited to see the new building. Considering tours for those interested during Fall Fest from 3pm?-5pm??

- Balloons and/or marquee sign advertising Fall Fest by school sign at least a couple days ahead so clearly visible in another way for neighbors to have notice.
- Parking ideas. Mr. Ramey was considering shuttling some festival goers from Union parking lot possibly. Bus too pricey, may look into district vans if possible.
- Saint Ann's home being approached by Middle Schoolers regarding stewardship projects and potential overflow for festival. Nancy will be following up with Highland Hills, Michelle will be following up with the church on Richmond by the cemetery, and Mr. Ramey has a contact at the church on Covell.
- Bylaws had a few edits. The PTA will be changed to PTSA. The \$25 PTA group membership fee has been corrected to \$40. The general meetings will be held the second Thursday of each month instead of the third Thursday. The executive meetings will be from 5-6pm with the general meetings following from 6-7pm.
- There was a vote motioned, seconded, and passed regarding the bylaws and changes by Michelle, Laura, Nikki, Alicia, Ryan, Nancy, Stacy, Mary, Chris, and Kate.
- Principal Recap. Mr. Huppert said the school is off to a good start! Student schedules were ironed out fairly well but he wants to have more offerings. Foreign Language being an absolute must next year for the older students to get in their graduation requirement. Chrome books have been handed out and are in use during the school day now. Need to get parents to sign expectations sheet. Possibly during a curriculum night/open house event at the end of September. Being discussed at teachers' next Monday meeting.
- If there is a curriculum night teachers want to know what parents would find most helpful to be covered at a curriculum night. Things like teacher tutor time outside of class time and text books used were mentioned.
- Conferences are the first week of October!
- Orientation Debriefing. Next year thinking about having 3 time slots instead of 2. One afternoon for parents/guardians who work second and two evening sessions with the hopes that each session will be a little less busy. It will also be nice having the gym open and the air conditioning will be working too! The signs are missing at the moment so we need to find them as well.
- Budget!
- Re-imburement forms discussed. Nikki will be putting together a binder like Little Frost and Michelle will be forwarding copies of the forms needed.
- Fundraising-we need to discuss and decide what our focus in this area should be. Do we focus on camp?
- Green Budget discussion. Want to get school campus natural plant certified like elementary, making the nature trails, stairway for trails needs to be brought up to code, grants are available but helps to have matching funds. Groundswell Grant is usually \$1500. Decided \$1500 for this year, will re-evaluate if more or less is required yearly. Voted to add budget line Greening Our Grounds \$1500. Motioned by Michelle, seconded by Laura. Line approved to be added!
- The school store may need more money for start up but waiting on a survey Laura has put together for the students to respond to tomorrow for a better idea. Mrs. Lew has some water bottles to donate as well.

- The budget is mostly ready to be voted on for the executive meeting (5-6pm) followed by general meeting (6-7pm) on Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Potential guest speaker idea mentioned from Be Nice Program. Costs \$250 a presentation and focuses on mental health issues.
- PTA Meetings moving forward. What components should we have for general meetings? Mr. Huppert had some great suggestions of student presentations per grade (what is going on for their grade), SAT information, Scholarship information, Dual Enrollment.
- Question was raised regarding families that need assistance with the cost of field trips. Suggestions given were the Student Advancement Foundation and the Principal Account.
- We will need all new camping equipment; most of what we have is incredibly worn down. This should be a general meeting discussion.
- City book fundraiser being looked into by Mrs. Shilton and Mrs. Lewis.
- Student Council has their next meeting September 20<sup>th</sup>. Spirit Week is October 3-7 leading up to the dance on the 7<sup>th</sup>. It was suggested if the students need more time to plan it might be worth moving the spirit week and dance to the week after the Fall Fest.
- There is a bike rack! Ken has one and a place to put it needs to be set.
- The next executive meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 5-6pm. The first official general meeting is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> from 6-7pm!