

*****Chippewa PTO Meeting*****

Thursday, January 17, 2018

Dial in: (712) 451-0277 / Access code: 900353

1. Call to Order – Loula Merkel, PTO President

PTO Executive Board:

Loula Merkel – President

Sue Duffy & Peggy Martin – Vice President

Kari Schacke – Treasurer

Tracy Sommerfeldt – Secretary

Chippewa Staff:

John Swanson – Principal

Juliana Vissering – Vice Principal

2. Mission and priorities: Our mission is to encourage a positive educational and social environment for our children. One of our priorities is to encourage parental participation in Middle School. We welcome your input and ideas.

3. Principal's Report

- 5 Essentials Survey – Please encourage friends to participate in this. You must fill out separate surveys for middle school and elementary school. Response numbers have been lower this year because people with multiple children probably did the survey for one school and not both.
- 8th grade parents – Maine West registration nights are coming up! A flier is going home and a counselor talked to the kids, who get to pick their electives. Taking optional summer school courses can open up the yearly school schedule for electives.
- Monday is off for MLKJ day.

4. President's Report- Loula Merkel- Open position starting next school year; replacement needed

- We need parents to fill open positions for next year – President & VP. It is a good opportunity for 6th grade parents especially.
- Just sent out a reminder for yearbook orders.

5. VP Report- Fundraising- Sue Duffy & Peg Martin

- Spring Sale plan – proposal to do chocolates again. Kari Schacke: it may not be the first choice, but if it brings in \$750, that's all that matters. Chocolate boxes cost \$60, so you have to plan to buy it and plan to sell it.

- Proposal to do popcorn sales. Alicia Koepke will e-mail information to Loula.
- Little Caesar's has pizza kits to sell, as do Lou Malnati's. Ms. Vissering does not think we could sell pizza as it is against the cafeteria rules. Chocolate is allowed because it's sold in the hallway.
- World's Finest (chocolate) always makes the most money.
- Dine-in shares are another possibility. Perhaps add Dine-in share nights to up the fundraiser.
- Penny wars are another possibility.
- Box tops or box tops wars. But there are box top deadlines in the year. Next deadline is March 15th or March 1st

6. Spirit Wear – Stacy Weinert

- No Spring sale planned

7. Treasurer's Report- Kari Schacke – See separate report

- \$5737.12 balance as of December 1st
- Awaiting check for Spirit Wear sales
- Please get in reimbursements to Kari

8. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt; to be shadowed by Bridgette Jeffries

- No new business

9. Cultural Arts – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt

- Planning for a cryogenic science show in March. Have dates from Mr. Swanson, waiting on Fermilab to confirm.

10. PBIS Rewards – Patty Garcia

- Second-quarter rewards gift cards are coming

11. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi

- Birthday gifts were given to Mr. Swanson and Mrs. Vissering. The holiday treat table was a hit! Thanks to all who donated the delicious foods.
- Need a date for a Valentine's treat day for the staff – February 14th (tentative)

12. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad

- There were some minor hiccups with Scholastic running it that we need to sort out for the future, such as them not having enough change to give out. Or we should consider running it ourselves again.
- One positive: it drew people into the cafeteria to take the survey and look at lost and found.
- Scholastic employee had a difficult time because she only got \$30 and kept complaining that she couldn't make enough change. The school had just done a bank run themselves and had no cash on hand to help her out.
- Ms. Vissering will check and see if someone wants to take it over.
- They had more actual books this year; we were not the only ones who complained about low book supply, so Scholastic got contracts with more popular authors that Scholastic previously hadn't published
- Check on Anderson's Books and the possibility of having them do the book fair

13. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander

- Earbud purchases – need count of what's needed. Ms. Vissering will e-mail social workers to get a count.
- Backpack program update – ongoing support of effort per requests from Mrs. Sears

14. LMC and Yearbook Support – Loula Merkel

- Purchasing gift cards for Reading Challenge – a few more left to purchase.

15. STEM Night – Uzma Sattar

- Not this year

16. Poetry Slam/Literacy Night – Hannah Listopad

- Literacy Night in February; How can PTO help?
- Flier is going out tomorrow
- Can donate some Spirit Wear, putting gift bags together
- February 7th 6:30 PM – 8:00 PM

17. 8th Grade Dance – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt - to be coordinated beginning in March

- Dance will be Friday, May 17th
- Tracy and Christy will send out an email with info on a planning meeting next week
- Non-8th grade parents can chaperone inside the gym

18. Christmas decorations – Tracy Sommerfeldt

- Was a hit

19. Variety Show – March 21st

- Support requested to include flowers and bake sale
- Loula to reach out to Kari Lucas to see if she would like to help

20. Questions/Ideas

21. Adjournment: 7:11 PM

22. Upcoming Meetings: (all 6-7 PM)

- Mar. 12
- Apr. 25