

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

Thursday, March 15, 2018 - 6 PM

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1. Call to Order – Loula Merkel, PTO President
2. Principal's Report – Mrs. Swanson
 - Peace Walk took place on March 14th. The kids were fantastic, which was not surprising, but reaffirming. The staff did not want students walking out on their own so they started planning what they could do as a school. It lasted about 20-30 minutes. First they gathered in the gym and talked about what they've done as a school to be safe and what the district has done. They then did the walk outside. It was a unifying experience. Students could stay in the gym if they wanted. No one was left unsupervised.
 - March Mathness and Poetry Slam- both nights were a great success. The plan for next year will be that the LIT event will be during one semester and the math event during another semester so they are spread out a bit more.
 - Promotion ceremony will take place Tuesday, May 29th.
 - There were sound system problems in the cafeteria during the Poetry Slam. They are trying to figure out why it's not working.

3. President's Report

Mission is to encourage a positive educational and social environment for our children. We will do that by increasing parental participation and enhancing educational experiences through the PTO

Parental participation is a key priority. We welcome everyone's input and involvement. We collectively vow to honestly and humbly solicit feedback on our activities and to provide input respectfully to each other, remembering that our biggest teaching opportunity for our children is our interactions with each other.

- a. Kari Schacke agreed to be Treasurer next year. We will recruit among the incoming 5th graders to get a shadow for next year.
 - b. May 3rd – Incoming 6th grade orientation. During the event we will invite parents to be a part of the PTO.
 - c. D62 Strategic Planning committee: Christy Cangelosi attended the first meeting on January 30th. Loula is attending the April meeting. She said it was an overview of the process. The next meeting will be focused on the key issues. When there is information, they will let the PTO know.
4. VP Report- Fundraising- Sue Duffy & Peg Martin
 - a. The chocolate sales went well. The profit was \$24.00 a case. Sue saved the delivery fee of \$60.00. Parents ordered 22 boxes, the PTO bought 20 boxes, making for a total of 42 boxes ordered. There are 6 boxes left. There was a profit of more than \$1,000.00. Many

people took the other option of just donating to the cause, which was a total of about \$350.00.

5. Spirit Wear – Kari Schacke and Stacy Weinert
 - a. Finance Committee approved donation of 30 shirts
 - b. Results of March 14 sale– only sold 6 shirts last night during the March Mathness Event.
 - c. Order forms for the spring spirit wear sale have been distributed. Order forms will be collected before spring break. Tracy will e-mail the order form to everyone.

6. Treasurer’s Report- James Jones
 - a. Right now we have \$5,619.00 in the bank before the deposit of the chocolate sales. It is looking good even though we have only a few months left.
 - b. There was the idea to build up a little bit of a fund for teacher gifts. One teacher is retiring this year and several are retiring over the next five years. Would be nice to have some money in the gift fund for this.

7. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt
 - a. Nothing new to report.

8. Cultural Arts – Kelly Fitzgerald (with Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt shadowing for next year)
 - a. Wheel of Wisdom Trivia Show. Each grade will have their own presentation. The cost is \$2100.00 for all three shows. Will use money left over for prizes (\$5.00 gift cards) which she will purchase herself. It will be scheduled for a Friday – there are three that we are looking at in April. Look at the Friday of PARCC testing.
 - b. Depending how much money is spent, there might be enough to get an author or a poet next year for the Poetry Slam.

9. PBIS Rewards – Kelly Fitzgerald (with Patti Garcia shadowing for next year).
 - a. \$1050.00 in the budget. Gift cards will be purchased for this quarter and then the last quarter.

10. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi
 - a. Administrative Assistant’s Day in April. Christy will put together gift bags for Patti and Evelyn.
 - b. Staff Appreciation Day – looking at the first week of May. Hannah L. said she works at a restaurant that caters Greek food and she will get Christy information on menu and cost.

11. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad
 - a. Summer reading book list is out. Hannah said Barnes and Noble will work with us for a nonconventional book fair. She will send them a list of books we are interested in and Chippewa will receive a discount. Do we want to open it up to the four feeder schools? Books will be shipped to Chippewa, organized and distributed to advisory teachers.

12. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander

- a. Spent remainder of budget on needed school supplies. Successful program this year and the plan is to get ahead of it early for next school year. This will be an agenda item for next meeting. Pencils and pens are among the biggest need.
13. LMC and Yearbook Support – Khaled Benkara
- a. Gift cards
14. Poetry Slam – Jen Beckman
- a. See Principal's Report
15. STEM/Science Night – Uzma Sattar and Loula Merkel
- a. There were games and activities set up throughout the school, received 225 RSVPs. It was a great community event; plan is to be more organized about the communication for next year and start the buzz earlier. One thought was to have more skill-based prizes and not just raffles. If there is more of a competition within the activities we might get more 8th graders.
16. 8th Grade Dance: Kelly Fitzgerald, Patti Garcia and Amy Hoffman
- a. Dance is Friday, May 18th. Patti is in charge of getting chaperones – 7th grade parents. Food will be in the cafeteria, dance will be in the gym. Red carpet theme. Thoughts about having a grand prize? This might draw attendance.
17. Request for contribution from teachers for die cut storage case
- a. Approved. Tracy will let Ms. Koepke know.
18. Adjournment

Next Meeting Apr. 19, 2018 - Volunteer celebration courtesy of D62