

Chippewa PTO Meeting

Thursday, April 19, 2018 - 6 PM

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1. Call to Order – Loula Merkel, PTO President
2. Principal's Report – Mr. Swanson
 - No change in structure for next year, we will get better at what we're doing. If there are things you think should change, please let us know. This year a big goal was behavior, particularly in the lunchroom
 - PTO would like to meet with the staff earlier in the school year, be part of the planning process
 - Recommit to PBIS and quarterly celebrations.
 - Balance out family nights – one in the spring, one in the fall

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. D62 Strategic Planning committee update: Forum held to update the community, Maine Township High School District capital improvement program, open to discussion and feedback from parents. The plan is to be done by 2020.
 - b. Vote to elect Treasurer – Kari Schacke is taking over treasurer role for 2018-2019 school year. Approved.
 - c. Recruit members at 6th grade orientation on May 3rd
4. VP Report- Fundraising- Sue Duffy & Peg Martin
 - a. Final chocolate sales – 6 boxes left. Will check with Sue on a final amount, could sell at 6th grade orientation on May 3rd
 - b. Recommendations of fundraisers for next year?
 5. Spirit Wear – Kari Schacke and Stacy Weinert
 - a. Spring Spirit Wear update – we have shirts left over which can be sold at the 6th grade orientation. Ordered 50 t-shirts in random sizes to sell at March Mathness night, but only 6 were sold. They also gave away 30 shirts to the first 30 kids. The spring sale always brings in less money with a profit of \$191.70. Thoughts on stopping the spring sale? Is it worth \$190.00? A thought is to maybe just do one sale in the fall since typically we make about \$1400.00 then. We will revisit this again next year.

6. Treasurer's Report- James Jones
 - a. 2017/18 Progress on budget - \$8157.00 in bank. Dance budget - \$1870.00, expecting 60% of kids to show up with a charge of \$10.00 per ticket. Should have money to do more with Chippewa Cares next year. The budget is looking good for next year.
7. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt
 - a. Will send out Sign-up genius for staff appreciation week tomorrow
 - b. Will send out the book order form tomorrow to the PTO and have Mrs. Fink send it out to the entire school.
8. Cultural Arts – Kelly Fitzgerald (with Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt shadowing for next year).
 - a. Kids enjoyed the shows and the \$5.00 gift card prizes. Kelly will let Christy and Tracy know what shows they've done the last several years so they are not repeated.
9. PBIS Rewards – Kelly Fitzgerald (with Patti Garcia shadowing for next year).
 - a. We will re-energize this. The staff is putting a committee together and there will be a plan in place for next year to have more end-of-quarter celebrations.
10. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi
 - a. Administrative Assistant's Day was much appreciated
 - b. Teacher Appreciation Week – an entire Greek lunch will be served the first Friday in May.
11. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad
 - a. Chippewa Required Reading Book Sale. Split the difference of the discount so it was a 10% discount off the list price. We will get a 10-15% profit. Three feeder schools participated – Central, Cumberland and North. All feeder school order forms will be delivered to Chippewa and volunteers will help sort and distribute. All the books are on display in the library. Hannah will send a blurb to Tracy and Patti Fink. Tracy will put the order form on the website and on facebook.
 - b. Decision: Should there be a fall scholastic book fair? It's been difficult to get volunteers for the fall book fair. Thought is to not commit to Scholastic in the fall. Right now we have \$1800.00 scholastic dollars.
12. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander
 - a. We are stocked on supplies. Pens and pencils go the most. Right now there is a \$700.00 budget. Should we keep the same budget next year?
 - b. Thoughts about adding food boxes for families in need with a gift card from the "PTO"
13. LMC and Yearbook Support
 - a. Get gift cards for LMC
14. Poetry Slam – Jen Beckman
15. STEM/Science Night – Uzma Sattar and Loula Merkel
16. 8th Grade Dance: Kelly Fitzgerald, Patti Garcia and Amy Hoffman

- a. Invitations are going out tomorrow. Looking at catered food options. DJ will be the same one as last year. Thinking about having a photo booth. Patti Fink will send e-mail out to all.
17. Feedback and planning for next year
- a. One idea is to have a bulletin board in the cafeteria for the PTO
18. Adjournment

Thank you for a successful school year!!!