

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

**Thursday May 9, 2019**

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

In attendance: John Swanson, Juliana Vissering, James Gilbert, Bridget Jeffries, Hannah Listopad, Loula Merkel, Kim Ostrander, Peggy Ryan, Kari Schacke, Tracy Sommerfeldt, Stacy Weinert, Katrina Williams, Danielle Young

Meeting called to order: 6:20pm

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– SecretaryChippewa 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
  - Thank you to Dr. Hertel, D62 superintendent, for being at the meeting tonight
  - The cultural arts assembly on April 30 went very well, the kids really enjoyed it.
  - Thank you to the PTO for being a sounding board on different ideas and new policies over the school year.
  - The new cell phone policy will start next year. The policy will state that cell phones must stay locked up in the lockers all day. Kids can use the phone in the office if there is an emergency.
  - We are getting to the end of the school year and there are a lot of upcoming activities, including three concerts, NJHS ceremony, the 8<sup>th</sup> grade dance
  - Chief Camp will be August 9<sup>th</sup>. Loula asked Mr. Swanson to let the PTO know if it can help in any way. One idea is to sell Spirit West at the camp. Stacy Weinert will look into a potential new vendor, name provided by incoming president Danielle Young.
  
4. President’s Report- Loula Merkel
  - Nominations for officers for next year:
    - i. President – Danielle Young (mom of incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grader)
    - ii. Vice President – Katrina Williams
    - iii. Treasurer – Melissa Samp
    - iv. Secretary – Bridget Jack-Jeffries
  - **Vote - All in favor, none opposed.**

5. VP Report- Fundraising- Sue Duffy & Peg Martin
  - Spring Sale update – nothing new to report.
  - An idea for a new fundraiser – Fun Socks. Maybe consider doing it in the spring. Price could be 5 pair for \$20.00 with the school receiving half of the profit.
  - Another idea for a fundraiser: sell water bottles at the 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion starting this year (May 30). Everyone thought it was a good idea. 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents would have to volunteer for it. Mr. Swanson will reach out to the high school and then we will go from there. If it is a go, Tracy will put a sign-up genius out. Note in the e-mail that 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade parents who have to bring their child early for band could stay around to help.
6. Spirit Wear – Stacy Weinert
  - No Spring sale planned
  - Stacy will reach out to new potential vendor that Danielle Young suggested.
7. Treasurer’s Report- Kari Schacke – See separate report
  - The names on the bank account will be switched over to Melissa Samp on Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>.
8. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt; to be shadowed by Bridget Jeffries
  - Tracy will provide Bridget with notes with all log-in information for the Google Drive, the PTO Gmail account, Facebook and Sign Up Genius.
  - Tracy organized the PTO Google Drive. She will share all necessary folders with the new PTO board. If you need access to the drive, please let Tracy know and she will share it.
9. Cultural Arts – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt
  - Jibali African Acrobats from Kenya performed two shows on April 30<sup>th</sup> – one show for the 6<sup>th</sup> graders and one show for the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders. The kids enjoyed it and it went over very well. It was nice to have a show that encouraged the kids to be loud.
  - Dr. Freeze from Fermilab gave two presentations in March, one for the 8<sup>th</sup> graders and one for the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> graders. It went OK, but the PA system did not work well and it was very hard to hear him.
  - Who will take on cultural arts next year? Adrienne Balow may be interested.
10. PBIS Rewards – Patty Garcia
  - This has gone very well over the year, it is a great way to reward the kids. Thank you!
11. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi
  - Staff appreciation was this week. Thank you to everyone for contributing food and also for the catered lunch on May 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - Loula has agreed to take over staff appreciation next year.
12. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad
  - There will be a shift to Anderson next school year (not Scholastic).
  - Peggy Ryan will take this over next year.
  - Hannah will put all remaining Scholastic dollars in Emily Heslop’s name.

- Grant money will allow the kids (plus incoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders) to receive the summer reading books. There will also be an all-school book read with a space theme.
13. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander
- Backpack program complete for year. A lot of food was sent home for the families this year. Thank you for coordinating this and putting the backpacks together. It's been a wonderful project.
  - The PTO is looking for someone to take this over. Loula will be happy to help with this.
14. LMC and Yearbook Support – Loula Merkel
- All gift cards have been purchased.
  - Looking for a volunteer for this for next year. Maybe an incoming 6<sup>th</sup> grade parent will be interested?
15. Literacy Night/STEM/Poetry Night
- PTO contributed spirit wear for prizes. Thank you received.
16. 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Dance – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt
- Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>
  - The committee has been meeting regularly.
  - We are still in need of 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade chaperones in the gym.
  - The dance makes no money. Whatever comes in is what is spent (\$10 a student). There is a rough budget located on the Google drive that can be followed.
17. Christmas decorations – Tracy Sommerfeldt
- Nothing further to be done for this school year
  - Someone will need to take this over next year.
18. Variety Show Bake Sale – Kari Lucas
- Final report
19. Questions/Ideas
- Thank you to Loula for starting the reading challenge. It is really taking off!!
20. Adjournment: 7:15pm

**Have a nice summer!**