

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

Tuesday, December 4, 2018

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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
 - How to spend the \$750.00 from D62 foundation (cultural arts or STEAM/STEM?). Christy C. and Tracy S. met with Mr. Swanson to discuss the grant. A science presentation will be covered under the grant. Waiting on return reference calls for a presenter.
 - The coat drive was a great success! We had many coats, shoes, boots and gloves and clothing picked up from the cafeteria. A huge thanks to all!
 - Calendar – Literacy Night is Feb 7th, time to be announced.
 - First Quarter Celebration – the school had a minute to win it all-school assembly event. We celebrated students working hard and doing the right thing. January 18th will be the next end-of-quarter event.
 - The 5 Essentials Survey – please take it if you can, encourage others. Will be sending home flyers about it. Right now we are at 15% complete, and we need 20% completed to meet the minimum participation threshold. The information will help make the school a better place. Your survey remains anonymous. It shouldn’t take more than 10 minutes. Kids will be taking their version later this month.

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: A good opportunity for 6th grade parents.

5. VP Report- Fundraising- Sue Duffy & Peg Martin
 - Fall Sale: Mixed Bags Report: Went very well. Profit of \$1686.00.
 - Alicia Koepke – brought a suggestion and samples for a future fundraiser (selling popcorn). Something to think about for the future.
 - There are a few boxes of chocolate left – please take a box to sell if you are able.

6. Spirit Wear – Stacy Weinert
 - Fall Sale report: Final report:
 - i. 219 pieces sold
 - ii. 50 - 8th grade T-shirt's sold
 - iii. Total profit - \$1792
7. Treasurer's Report- Kari Schacke – See separate report
8. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt; to be shadowed by Bridgette Jeffries
 - Updates continuing to be sent, Sign-Up Genius will go out regarding Staff Appreciation Day.
9. Cultural Arts – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt
 - Use of the \$750 D62 foundation grant – Met with Mr. Swanson to discuss using the money for a science presenter. Mr. Swanson is waiting to hear back from references.
 - There should be enough money left over for a second cultural arts event.
10. PBIS Rewards – Patty Garcia
 - All of the first quarter gifts were sent out to all of the teachers
11. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi
 - Winter Staff Appreciation Day will be Thursday, December 20th
12. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad
 - Very successful for the times that it was open.
 - Total of \$1689.85 in sales.
 - We earned a total of \$675.94 Scholastic Dollars based on that number, however \$262.76 Scholastic Dollars was spent at the fair by the library. Our current Scholastic Dollar bank is \$1030.95.
 - There were some minor hiccups with Scholastic running it that we need to sort out for the future or consider running it ourselves again. (not enough change to give out)
 - Let's discuss this in January
 - Only had it during parent-teacher conferences, cafeteria was a nice hub and it worked out very well.
 - Parents could pay by credit card – which can't happen when kids want to buy books during the school day.
13. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander
 - Winter Coat Drive – went very well. A few coats were left over and they were donated to the self-help closet.
 - Earbud purchases
 - Backpack program update – there are a few kids identified as needing food over the weekend (it is sent home with the student in a backpack). There is a prescribed list of food that needs restocking. (Rice, beans, peanut butter, shelf-stable milk). Right now a couple different groups sponsor backpacks. Could the PTO committee sponsor a backpack? Mrs. Vissering will send the list of food items to Kim. Would it be OK to use

Chippewa Cares funds for these items? We are not exceeding budget, so we do not need to vote.

14. LMC and Yearbook Support – Loula Merkel
 - Purchasing gift cards for Reading Challenge – a few more left to purchase.
 - Yearbook Cover Design Contest went very well.
15. STEM Night – Uzma Sattar
 - Literacy Night will take the place of STEM Night on Feb. 7th. If there is a way PTO can help, let us know.
16. Poetry Slam – Hannah Listopad
 - Replaced by Literacy Night in February
17. 8th Grade Dance – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt - to be covered in Jan.
 - Friday, May 17th
18. Christmas decorations – Tracy Sommerfeldt
 - Tree lighting event will be Friday, Dec. 7th in Metropolitan Square, all are invited!
 - Ornament-making after school went well.
19. Questions/Ideas
 - April 22nd will be the make-up snow day
 - 8th grade graduation – Thursday, May 30th. Last day of attendance May 28th.
20. Adjournment: 6:39pm
21. Upcoming Meetings: (all 6-7 PM)
 - Jan. 17
 - Mar. 7
 - Apr. 25