

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

Tuesday, March 12, 2019

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

Principal Swanson related a struggle with cell phones. District policy is currently "off and out of sight." Staff keeps having to look for cell phones that are taken. School proposes new policy that students need to leave cell phones in their lockers.

Vaping cartridges that do not smell like marijuana are available, parents are concerned about students doing this. Discussed that there needs to be an education path on marijuana if/when it becomes legal in Illinois.

Construction & closure on Golf Road / Wolf Circle begins soon.

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. **Need is critical. Vote is next meeting**

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

- Spring Sale update – Complaints of students never receiving it due to teacher saying it was optional, sale orders are due this Friday. Sale will be extended and a reminder sent. We want to get in all orders before Spring Break. Hoping for \$700 for the fundraiser.

6. Spirit Wear – Stacy Weinert

- No Spring sale planned
7. Treasurer's Report- Kari Schacke – See separate report
 8. Secretary- Tracy Sommerfeldt; to be shadowed by Bridget Jeffries
 9. Cultural Arts – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt
 - Plan for assembly
 - Mr. Freeze is coming
 - Looking into a Dueling Pianos presentation or acrobats
 10. PBIS Rewards – Patty Garcia
 11. Staff Appreciation – Christy Cangelosi
 - Christy is not here
 - Event is in May
 12. Book Fair- Hannah Listopad
 - There were some minor hiccups with Scholastic running it that we need to sort out for the future (not enough change to give out) or consider running it ourselves again.
 - If we switch over to an Anderson Book Fair, we still need volunteers to staff and run it.
 - Want to purchase "Space Case" for 105 students to take home for summer reading. Want PTO to purchase the additional books. Would need \$1,512 to purchase the rest of the books for current 6th and 7th graders
 - We probably don't have the budget; it would only benefit current 6th and 7th graders, couldn't do it every year.
 13. Chippewa Cares – Kim Ostrander
 - Purchased food for backpack program. Ms. Sears will inform us about additional needs
 14. LMC and Yearbook Support – Loula Merkel

- All gift cards purchased.

15. Literacy Night/STEM/Poetry Night

- PTO contributed spirit wear for prizes. Thank you received

16. 8th Grade Dance – Christy Cangelosi and Tracy Sommerfeldt

- Friday, May 17th
- What help is needed?
- Have DJ, theme, decorating committee, will be asking for volunteers

17. Christmas decorations – Tracy Sommerfeldt

- Nothing further to be done for this school year

18. Variety Show Bake Sale – Kari Lucas

- Sign up genius sent for volunteers and baked goods
- Flowers ordered

19. Questions/Ideas

20. Adjournment

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

- Apr. 25