

PTA General Member Meeting

March 4, 2020

Attendees:

Nancy Lang, Erika Baum, Gena Livaditis, Jenny Bartkus, Lisa Folkers, Lori Bayne, Jodi Servino, Lizzie Falkenberg, Tracy Callahan Pesavento, Robin Cohen, Jenny Grosch & Stephanie Goodall

Call to Order:

Tracy called the meeting to order and introduced Scott Arnieri

Digital Citizenship - Scott Arnieri:

- Digital Citizenship is taught as a state mandate Grade 3+. District planning to do K+ starting in 2020-2021. They use Common Sense Media curriculum. Google has a curriculum also - Be Internet Awesome, which is a game-afied digital citizenship site that is sometimes used.
- Digital Citizenship is about digital safety, but also how you interact with technology and overlaps/ties well with the social emotional learning (SEL) done in the district so they are likely to blend/merge.
- Upper grade (5-6) will talk a little about social media usage and picture sharing.
- Tips for students and parents given in the presentation.
- It is important to teach kids how to use technology instead of just blocking all access.
- Control & H gives device history on school and private devices

Jenny Bartkus - VP Legislation:

- Funfair update
 - New this year - food cart, face painters & meltdown
 - Meltdown raised about \$700 and cost about \$1k to rent
 - Plenty of adult volunteers & baked goods. Teen volunteers were a bit of an issue and need to be re-evaluated for the next event.
 - Lots of early online sales
 - Less prize redemption this year because of ticket use for face painting & meltdown
 - Kids were rough on school this year
 - Teacher treasures raised \$4,300 - doing 1st, 2nd & 3rd place winners very helpful
 - Funfair made about \$500, about \$1,100 including meltdown earnings
- By-Laws
 - We have an issue with our quorum with the larger PTA which needs to be adjusted. Once adjusted, we don't have to update by-laws next year.
 - 2020-2021 PTA Executive Committee nominations will be placed on PTA bulletin

Robin Cohen - VP Ways & Means:

- Midyear budget update going home in backpack mailer on Friday. Bingo & teacher treasures earned about \$8,900, which essentially replaces PNO. We are still about \$5k short in NSF with only ~28% of families participating.
- Mrs. Grosch wondered if we should consider sending thank you notes to donors - it has been done in the past.
- Bingo II happening 4/22/2020

Gena Liaditis - VP Ed & Cultural Awareness:

- 6th Grade Update:
 - Journey's Project was very successful - packed 60 kits
 - Bash was successful with 64 students participating
 - Carnival is planned for 5/8/2020, which is a non-student attendance day so will need to be rescheduled. Jodi to go back to parents who signed up to help for help with carnival. Mrs. Grosch to talk to Jodi to figure out food.
 - Need 6th grade gift ideas - Jodi talked to Mrs. Falkenberg & Tracy already for ideas. Mrs. Grosch suggested another gaga ball pit.
- Valentine's Day parties went well

Liz Starman/Erika Baum - VP Community & Family Events:

- Talent Show 3/19/2020 - 31 acts, estimating 1 ½-2 hrs. 6th grade committee doing concessions including possibly pizza. MCs - Mia Swedo & Joy McCall

Jodi Servino - Treasurer:

- Flyer & Bingo II to try and cover \$5k deficit
- Need to figure out "big" prizes for Bingo

Jenny Grosch - Principal Update:

- Section/staffing 2020-2021 gearing up. TENTATIVE next year will be a direct roll up of students and sections.
- 10 staff retiring 2020 - full time (teacher & PA) and itinerants
- Waitzman's class/program will be moving to another school when she retires opening another classroom. Additionally, with the entry reconfiguration will create a new classroom.
- Still looking for a permanent school nurse
- District email re: coronavirus
- Adding gate by new asphalt to protect asphalt and deter SIP kids during bus loading/unloading
- Spring Break - extra Monday, return to school 3/31/2020
- Last day of school currently 5/26/2020 - not approved by School Board yet

Lizzie Falkenberg - Teacher Rep:

- February PBIS - school store
- March PBIS - Project Pup service project - need fleece, tee shirts & water bottles

Other:

- No updates from Kathy Czink (VP School, Teacher & Staff Support), Stephanie Goodall (VP Communications), Kelly Beverly (Secretary)
- Parking Spot Auctioned to Robin Cohen