

PTC Meeting Minutes: October 17th, 2024

Call to Order: Co-President Dana Early called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

Attendees-In Person: Billy Cruz (Co-President), Dana Early (Co-President), Amber Norman (Treasurer), Perry O., Christyn Esposito, Rachel Butryn, Clare Van Wetering, Jen Schubert, Sarah Troll, Sarah Palazzo, and Suzanne Kimmerly.

Attendees- Virtual: Aimee Bostrand (teacher rep), Mitch Dubinsky (principal), Ashley Doyle, Kristin Robinson and Ramirez.

September Meeting Minutes:

Dana Early motioned to approve the September Minutes, Clare Van Wetering approved the minutes and Suzanne Kimmerly, seconded the motion. September Meeting Minutes were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report/Budget:

The treasurer shared that the \$38,000 from Boosterthon has been transferred into the PTC bank account. \$1,100 was also transferred from Monster Mash. PTC expenses are at about \$2,500.

President's Report:

Every month there's a meeting with the Presidents from the different schools in D89. Dana was able to attend. A few highlights from that meeting were shared from the last board meeting. There was a student spotlight from Glencrest. The Drama Club will have a performance of High School Musical, which was voted on by the students. The annual budget was presented. The district is still on track for what is expected. Following the referendum, there's a surplus of \$952,000. The student board members had their 1st meeting.

The superintendent shared that COVID Federal funding will be used for visitor management systems. If there are any topics you want to bring to his attention feel free to reach out. Activities that other schools shared were Winter Fest, Holiday Photo Sessions, Game Nights, Raiders Basketball, Fall Fest, Bake Sales, Grandparents Fest, Donuts with Dudes etc...

Principal's Report:

Thanked all the parents that came out for parent teacher conferences. They were done earlier in the school year and there will be a survey to give feedback. It'll be in the Newsletter and shouldn't take longer than 3 minutes. There are half a dozen questions. Your feedback is appreciated. Mitch will be presenting our School Improvement Plan for approval at the Board meeting on Monday night. He discussed that Halloween information was to be found in his newsletter. There's going to be another Eagle Scout project that's going to be done at Briar

Glen. We've had multiple projects in the past such as a reading wall by the primary playground, a butterfly garden, and now we will have an outdoor seating area that can serve as an outdoor classroom. It'll have 4 picnic style benches. It gives an opportunity for some kids that are out for recess that want to just sit and read and do something along those lines. That'll be happening next week. Thank you to our Eagle Scout, Alex Ercetti and his family for putting in a lot of time. They started meeting last year, and then over the summer and it's coming to fruition. It's very exciting.

Teacher's Report:

Aimee Bostrand had 3 things to share. "We want to thank everybody who donated to the Fun Run. It was such a huge success. The kids eat up everything. The prize incentives, the T-shirts, love that you guys do the T-shirts with the Briar Glen on it like so they can wear those on spirit days and things like that for the kids that don't have it. Also thank you for dinner for the parent teacher conferences. Teachers loved having that on that Friday. So we are bopping in and out for lunch. Also outdoor Ed., thanks for contributing to the 5th grade outdoor Ed program, because the kids really enjoyed that."

Committees:

- **Monster Mash:**

As of Monday, October 14th there had been 224 tickets purchased. Online purchases were to be closed at 4:30 that Friday, October 19th. Tickets could also be purchased at the door. 300 popcorn favors had been ordered. Bracelets and tickets were delivered to the school. At the time, donations and volunteers were still needed. Feedback that was given was that some were unhappy that it was on a Saturday and to keep online orders open longer.

- **Classroom Parties:**

Everything had been sent out to all of the helpers of the Halloween parties. Headroom parents had contacted all the volunteers and teachers. Please make sure to send any receipts for reimbursement with the correct paperwork to Danylle Stark. She will then send it over to our treasurer who will cut checks. They were to be submitted 2 weeks after the party. A list of all volunteers were to be given to the secretary 2 days prior. All volunteers were to have their IDs and would only be allowed in if their name was on the list.

- **Boosterthon Fun Run:**

The school goal was made! It is estimated to have a profit of \$35,411 but that can possibly change as money was still coming in. We had 377 out of 510 registered families and 307 made pledges. It was a great event!

Treat Cart

There is no planned treat cart yet, there was food for the teachers during conferences. There will be one in November before Thanksgiving break, and we'll send information out. Donations will be needed. Information will be sent out in the next couple of weeks.

- Book Fair

Miss. Fujira is going to be sponsoring it with the help of parent volunteers. She reached out to Anderson's. When there's more information, Carla and Meghan will share it with us. It's being planned and worked on. Due to conferences being in October, the fair will be later on in the school year.

Miscellaneous:

It was asked if we will be getting author visits. Mitch says he wants them. He will look into it. Mitch was asked if there will be choir for 4th grade and he said there will be and that the new music teacher will be leading it. It'll start some time in January. It was asked when Student Council will start. Mitch stated that he was in talks with Ms. White and Ms. Waghorn and that it should be starting in the next couple of weeks. Watch Dogs started, and Vicky White does that. Student ambassadors have been solidified. 34 applied and 5 spots were given. PTC emails are going to spam. A suggestion was to use a Gmail account instead of the S'mores application. It was stated that Mitch links all events in his newsletters, it is posted on Facebook and email blasts are sent.

Next PTC Meeting: October 21, 2024 at 7:00pm. Social time starts at 6:45.

Respectfully submitted,
Carla Schmidt