

PTSA 9/27/12

Next PTSA meeting: October 25th, 6:30 pm, babysitting provided

Attending: Makita Saloane, Jim Chapman, Betsy Serapilio-Frank, Jen Reisch, Kate Kressmann-Kehoe, Deasure Matthew, Lisa Button, David Harrison, Tiesha Ortiz, Jeff Green, Lesley Johnson, Michael Brundage, Chantal Lischer, Jane Cherin

Introductions – Kate Kressman-Kehoe summarized what the PTSA is about.

March minutes were approved.

School Based Planning Team – Jim Chapman

- Can have up to 5 people, meets once/month, serve for 2 years, babysitting at meetings
- Stressed the importance of bringing issues and updates back to the PTSA meetings.
- Nominations should be returned to the main office, PTSA or Homeroom teacher, Votes should be returned to main office

Robocalls

If parents are not receiving robocalls, they should contact:

Ms Collins – 7th and 8th grade

Miss Danes – K, 6th grade

Principal's report – Deasure Matthew

Gave summary of demographics

Attendance is higher than the district average.

Now a state law that kindergarten is mandatory. Working with transportation department to address cases where some kindergarten students are not attending because of transportation issues.

Passed out school calendars with key dates for school year. Will be posted on website.

Handed out form for gear sale.

IB site visit

November is IB site visit.

This is a joint application with Wilson Commencement.

Stressed importance of keeping the district's financial commitment to IB K-12 program, (parent input is welcome).

Visit will be looking for evidence of student work.

Takes 3 years for full application.

Ongoing - Every 5 years, submit data to keep accreditation.

Parent/Teacher conferences on 10/9/12 from 5-7 pm.

7th and 8th grade field trip – Chantal Lischer

Washington DC sometime next spring, approximately \$380 per student,

Mandarin Chinese

Offered through a grant to K and 8th grade.

Working to incorporate as a 3rd language.

Title 1 funding

If events are related to the curriculum, can get Title 1 funding.

Allocations are not out yet, funds to schools with high poverty

Goal is parent engagement

Must document uses for money.

Fundraising Needs:

Mats – Deasure paid for them

\$200 for National Honor Society pins and other items

\$235 for insurance

Broke into groups to discuss fundraising ideas:

Barnes and Noble book fair – Jane Cherin will organize, Scrip sales (gift cards) – Lesley Johnson and Jen Reisch will plan how to execute, Box tops, Clothing donation/sale (with stores such as

Plato's closet, Once Upon a child), Holiday shop (students buy gifts for parents), Scholastic book fair, Chuck E Cheese night, Cookie dough sale, etc.

Community Building Group

Essential to have middle school kids involved. Ideas include movie night, Child's night out.

Principal Advisory Council

2 students/grade

Meet with Dr. Matthew.

Need to start up Student Government.

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