

PTSA 10/25/12

Next PTSA meeting: November 29th, along with Family “Open Gym, Open Swim Night” from 5:30 – 7:30 pm, babysitting provided

Attending: Jim Chapman, Betsy Serapilio-Frank, Jennifer Reisch, Kate Kressmann-Kehoe, Julie Roselli, Jeff Green, Michael Brundage, Jane Cherin, Dianna Green, Lindsay Phillips, Lori Bryce, Holly Clough

September minutes were approved.

School Based Planning Team –

- Jennifer Reisch moved and Jane Cherin seconded motion to approve SBPT candidates. Motion was approved.
- SBPT representatives are: Dianna Green, Betsy Serapilio-Frank, Jim Chapman

Treasurers Report – Jennifer Reisch

- Bank balance is \$371.58.
- \$100 needed for annual dues, \$235 for insurance
- Annual membership dues \$5/person/school year
- Jeff Green suggested list of teachers that have paid their dues to be distributed to encourage membership among teachers

Principal’s Report – Julie Roselli

- Kindergarten is going well
- WFA will offer an extended day program (an after school tutoring program for 6th – 8th grade students)

Eligibility requirements are being reviewed.

3 days/week from 2:15-3:45

Letters will be sent home to notify parents

- According to the state plan, school needs to hold monthly family activities
 - Discussion of Family fun night to be held night of next PTSA meeting

- 5:30-7:30, November 29
- “Open Gym, Open Swim” including board games, pizza, drinks (\$ for food provided by WFA)
- Julie will organize: lifeguards, food, recruit staff, check with SWAN
- To accommodate different age groups, will rotate kids for the pool and split the gym half Kindergarten, half 6-8th grades
- PTSA to advertise via flyer/robocall, pick up pizza and run refreshments
- Parents encouraged to attend

- IB site visit (11/7-11/9) Schedule

11/7 – WFA, 11/8- Commencement, 11/9 – both

Get results on the 9th

Data has been sent and based on initial review, was ok'd.

There will be meetings with staff, teachers, parents and students

Need parents to volunteer to be interviewed (11:35-12:35 on 11/7)

- Other

Dress down Day – Tuesday, October 30 “Pretty/Handsome in Pink”. Students can pay \$2 to wear pink that day.

New company for school pictures (more info to come)

Kate Kressman-Kehoe requested contact at the HS for students needing community service hours to babysit for PTSA events/meetings

Fundraising for school needs – some suggestions – flat screen TV to advertise events, sand tables & tricycles for kindergarten, wind pants, polo shirts.

Holly Clough gave update on Glee club – have about 12 students and meet on Mondays after school

SBPT – Betsy Serapilio-Frank

SBPT meets every second Thursday

Reviewed ELA/math scores and WFA has been identified as a focus district.

Comprehensive Education Plan – school needs to focus on family and community engagement.

Targets to provide opportunities to engage with staff (parent involvement), engage families in student's achievement and stay connected with teachers. Staff should provide regular communication with families regarding student achievement.

Discussed issues with parent connect. Jeff Green to look at the parent connect from the parent perspective (what the parent sees when using the application).

Discussed issues with parent teacher conferences – what is the protocol and expectations.

Suggestions to modify conference night:

Have sign up sheets at the open house night

Parent teacher conference night begins at 6 pm (for ex) and sign up sheets are posted outside every classroom. Parents sign up (first come first serve) for time slots for that night.

Betsy to document ideas and prepare proposal for Deasure Matthew.

Discussion regarding communication and robocalls. Question was raised as to whether school could offer information via phone apps. Text of robocall to Jeff Green so it can be viewed on website.

Speaker - Kate Kressman-Kehoe

Idea for possible speaker – Elizabeth Hallmark on Public Education reform

Kate to check with other school PTA's to assess interest

Fundraising

B&N book fair – Sunday, December 2 (times TBD)

Tops in education - reminder to register your bonus card as school can get money,

(Target credit card as well)

