

Meeting Minutes – October 11, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members in attendance: George Bailey, Jeanette Ekin, Annemarie Harris, Colleen Hughes, Gemila Loeper, Rosa Michaelson, Erick Michaelson, Laure Peabody, Gretchen Schock, Kathy Batts, Lorina Lindsay, Sandra Bielak

Principal Report by Principal Kate Murray

- Homecoming week went well without incident. There were 1100 students at the dance and she is grateful to parents for volunteering and their support. A few reunion groups came to homecoming and appreciated the things that Parents Club has help to improve.
- Last weekend the drama department produced Noises Off. Thanks to the students and the parent volunteers for all of their work to help make this a success.
- Knots (the peer to peer group of general ed and special needs students) had a kickoff breakfast that the students really enjoyed!
- This week is College Application Week. This is beginning to be a national movement to inform students about their choices (both college and career) after high school. Teachers wore their college gear and talked to the students about how their higher education has affected their life.
- Wednesday was the PSAT for 9, 10, and 11 grades. Starting last year, Freshman were given a folder to help track their progress in math and English. They will have these folders throughout their high school career. Students can also access KAHN Academy to help them improve their scores.
- Upcoming events: tomorrow is the North/South Tailgate, Saturday is the Choir Concert, Sunday is the District Open House. Next week conferences will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. There will be no school on November 6 due to the election. VOTE!

School Board Report by George Bailey

- The board is planning for the upcoming bond. This includes getting proposals for design, reviewing critical building needs such as putting in secure entrances/vestibules beginning with the high schools (other schools will be done with 2 future bond proposals in '19 and '22), and then IT, roofs, and parking lots.
- A financial audit of the district was performed by Plante Moran and they found us to be in good standing with the fund equity and good outlook.
- Parcels Middle School advisory program is being modeled at the 2 other middle schools in the district.

Membership Report by Jeanette Ekin

- Current membership is at about 200 households. Memberships are still coming in.
- Over 800 people enrolled in the directory, work is in progress on sorting out the information to make a directory.

Treasurer Report by Erick Michaelson

- Reviewing last year's budget showed that our revenue last year was greater than our expenses. As such, we increased our grant and enrichment budget during last month's meeting. Our current budget will be posted on the website.

Grants & Scholarship Report by Annemarie Harris

- Last month we approved a request from the counselling center to send 3 counsellors, however, they are instead going to send 4 counsellors. This would cost an additional \$40 than what was approved. Jeanette Ekin made a motion to approve this increase and Gemila seconded it. After some discussion, the motion was approved unanimously.
- The Gearheads have requested \$1500 to cover half of the cost of the purchase of 7 Chromebooks, a Raspberry Pi network, and laptop cases. The other half of the cost will be requested from the South Mothers Club. Annemarie made a motion to grant this request and Erick seconded it. After discussing how this request supports our mission statement, we voted unanimously to approve it.

Beautification Report by Rosa Michaelson

- Mums were planted today
- A grounds clean up was completed
- Another cleanup is being planned, but student volunteers are needed. SERVE will be contacted to seek student volunteers.

PTO Council Report by Gemila Loeper

- Fundraiser dinner to benefit the Bond Yes campaign at Whiskey 6 on 10/16, \$10 per person, \$15 couple, \$25 for family of 5.
- There will be a Meet & Greet of the School Board candidates at Ferry on Wednesday 10/17 at 8pm.
- The Family Center has upcoming programs that pertain to high school families such as College Prep (Brownell 10/16) and vaping.

Hospitality Report by Colleen Hughes

- We will be selling bottles of water for \$1, t-shirts and memberships at the North/South Tailgate
- Donuts and water will be given out at the Open House on Sunday
- We will be providing the teachers with dinner on Wednesday for conferences. A sign up will be sent out asking parents for donations of water and soda.

President Report by Gretchen Schock

- The bylaws were reviewed and changed to reflect the Secretary job division between Recording and Social Media. Other changes were made to clarify and better reflect the job description of various committees. Erick motioned that we approve these revisions and Colleen seconded it. The motion passed unanimously without further discussion.
- We are still seeking a volunteer to head the painted parking spaces fundraiser.
- Upcoming meeting dates are:
 - November 15
 - January 17
 - February 14
 - March 21
 - April 18
 - May 16

Meeting adjourned at 8:04