PTA General Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, March 14th at 8:45 a.m.

1. Call to Order: Lourdes Lozano
2. Old Business
3. Raffle: Complete! We raised over 25k, and made the CUBS matching grant! So total money is over 57k. Very difficult doing the online and paper tickets, while trying to get away from the manual drawing. Will need to look at simplifying process next year., different software.
4. Auction: Thank you everyone who was there, we had a great crowd, will do there again next year: we were lower in live and paddle raise this year, probably $150/160 vs. $220 last year. The pick-up for iauction tems is next Tuesday and Wednesday, will need volunteers, please let Jamie know if you can help. Guessture was a good experience overall as far as new software. We are going live with Take 2 today, b/c we still have some room on signature events, we did sell several weeks on of messages on school marqui for $1300, there are still some available online that will close on Sunday.
5. New Business
6. Principal Selection: LSC has not been very vocal about the process up until now, but here is what has occurred:

In January, applications accepted

Interviews then done by LSC, narrowed down who would move on to meet with teachers

Then narrowed down to meet with parents at forum. If you want to send in questions to be answered at forum, please send to Dan Oconnor. Both resumes are on PTA website. Danielvoconnor@yahoo.com

Questions: “I was surprised there were only 2 candidates. Was there a third that was on the cusp?”… No, b/c the teachers were not interested. The other strong candidates were offered positions before we could meet with them. We didn’t open position until January b/c we thought we would get a larger pool of candidates.

Question: “ Is it a standard contract we have to offer?”… Yes, it is 4 years.

Question: “How was the decision made to do an open forum?”… Every LSC has the freedom to do what they choose, but that is how it has been done here in the past.

Question: “Is tomorrow an election?”… No. Please arrive by 6:45 and you will be given a sheet to hand in at the end of the forum with your opinion. The candidates will introduce themselves, then each will have 3-4 minutes to answer each question. Then we will meet Tuesday and make the announcement Wednesday. There will be an open LSC meeting at that time.

1. Teacher Appreciation Week: Week of May 7th, will do breakfast all week, gift cards, etc.- we will need more help in morning for the breakfasts.
2. Spring Break: Begins next Friday
3. 8th Grade Acceptance Letters: Out the week of March 30th
4. Committee Business
5. President
6. Community
7. Fundraising
8. Treasurer
9. Education
10. Membership
11. Recording Secretary
12. Other Business

Spirit Wear- one more order this Spring when back from Spring Break

About to get school supply vendors, and will upload teacher lists.

Special thank-you to Beth Lee for all her help cleaning up after auction and for volunteering at St. Josophat, letting a parent there borrow her shoes who forgot! Hawthorne spirit!

Marisol: talking about how students are using their voices in the nationwide protest against gun violence, 7th graders took the lead, has been empowering to them. Parents are welcome to participate. In k-5th, the teachers are choosing literature where the students can think critically, and to know they can effect change no matter their age. Thank you to all who played a part in raising money during the raffle/auction. I am excited for what we do as a community. Please be present tomorrow as a community.

1. Adjourn