

Powers PTO Minutes: August 14, 2107

Welcome Attendees: Please sign in & fill out a name tag.

Principal's Report - Mrs. Schwartz

- Mrs. Schwartz was principal at Harris Elementary for 6 years. Prior to that, she was an intervention specialist at Nord Middle School. She is so excited to be at Powers & for the new She wants to make sure every child coming through the door loves school & feels welcome. Please follow her on Twitter for up to date information.
- First week of school a form will be sent home for photo opt out on social media.
- Mrs. Schwartz does not know everything about Powers, she is still learning. But can't wait for the kiddos to arrive. If someone has a question, she may not know but will get back you as soon as she finds out for you.
- 1st day of school . First graders will go into the gym and line up by classroom, teachers will take students to their classroom. 2nd grade will go straight to classrooms. Volunteers not needed first day, title teachers will help. Kindergarten first day parents can walk students to their classrooms. No volunteers are needed at this time. Mrs. Schwartz will speak with teaching staff to see if volunteers are needed help getting students their correct locations.
- Homecoming chairs -Mrs. Schwartz received an email today from Mr. Marty. Mrs. Schwartz will give Mr. Marty email addresses of homecoming chairs to coordinate for the parade. Parade route & line up time has changed. Parade starts at 4:45p. Route change- parade starts at School Board Office and ends at town hall. Date: September 29, 2017.
- Kindergarten screening - August 24 & 25 Please call school office if you don't have an appointment. Screening will take place in the high school gym.
- Preschool orientation August 24. Mr. Coleman is the administrator for Preschool. Still separate parate parate from Powers although in the same building. Drop off for Preschool at side door North end of building, aide will walk to students their Preschool classrooms. PresidentPresident President - Sarah Kucbel
- Open House - August 21, 2017, 4:30 -5:30p. Preschool through 2nd grade. Kindergarten teachers will have a meeting at 5pm during open house.
 - Volunteers needed to work 2 PTO tables in the gym. Several so we can take turns going to meet child's teacher.
 - Membership forms will be available at the table
 - School supplies basket raffle - anyone who signs up at open house can put homeroom teacher name on ticket. Basket will go to winning homeroom teacher.
- First Day of School-
 - Wednesday, August 23, 2017 for grades 1 & 2.
 - Monday, August 28, 2017 for Kindergarten
 - Tuesday, August 29, 2017 for Preschool
- Homecoming - September 29, 2017
- Open Positions - Open co-chair positions:
 - Book fair co-chair needed. Position filled after meeting adjourned.
 - Social co-chair needed. Position filled after meeting adjourned.
 - Meeting attendance is not required to be a PTO Volunteer! All members can volunteer without attending meetings. Try to keep meeting length one hour.
- Social Media -
 - Follow us on Facebook
 - Follow us on Twitter
 - Best ways to get up to date information!
- Fundraiser- Yankee Candle

- kick off September 27th. Classrooms orders due October 12. Pick up will be November 8th during conferences. Volunteers needed to unload & help pass out orders. This is our biggest volunteer opportunity night of the year. We are very proud of Powers one large fundraiser for the entire year.
 - Box-Tops- start collecting and turn into your classroom(s). 2 contests throughout the year. Put child's homeroom teacher on envelope or baggy. \$2, 220 raised last year!
 - Back to School gift for teachers- in past have given \$20 Target gift cards. We need to vote as PTO if we wish to do this again this year. If in favor- Sarah Crosby will motion. & Sarah Yoder 2nds.
- Passed by majority of hands. Staff list will be needed to get to all teaching staff.
- Teacher Grants- new way to process Teacher requests. Will be a one page sheet with Name, Request, Financial amount needed, etc. PTO will then be able to vote upon requests. This will be separate from field trips. Field trip donations have already been set aside.

Vice President- Jen Wolf

Secretary- Sarah Herold

- Please make sure to sign in
- We will have a gift card drawing at the end of the year for meeting attendance. For each meeting attended, your name will be added into a drawing to win a gift card. The more meetings attended, the more chances to win!

Treasurer- Teri Burich

- Playground Equipment-
 - Dream Set for new Powers NEW Building.
 - Would like to raise & save money for new equipment.
 - Can apply for federal grants specifically for new playground equipment.
 - Possibly put out a bucket with dream set board at all events asking for donations to new equipment.
- Invest time & money to improve basketball area.
 - Paint pavement: kick ball bases, hop scotch, four square.
 - New basketball nets
 - New balls

Bake Sale- Michelle Diaz

- During fall conferences on November 8th.
- Looking for parents/guardians to bring in baked goods for PTO to sell during fall conferences.

Box Tops- Andrea Bailey/Gina Dury

- start collecting and turn into your classroom(s).
- 2 contests throughout the year.
- Put your child's homeroom teacher on envelope or baggy and send them in.
- Powers received \$2, 220 last year through box tops!

Book Fair- Aleshia Fossie

- Co-chair-Jenni Collins & Amanda Gallow
- Spring event

Community Service- Kim DiFillippo

- Co-chair- Jessica Glowacki

- Plans for 4 projects throughout the school year
- Before the holidays, has plans for a big food drive- hope to coordinate with local Girl Scout Troops.
- Possible care packages for local police & fire.

Field Day- Jen Wolf/Sarah Herold

Fundraiser- Darcie Parsons/Sarah Crosby

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Membership-Amanda Dougherty

- become a member to receive up to date Membership Newsletter
- Membership financially supports PTO & all the activities sponsored by the PTO for our students.
- forms Monday at Open House also will go home with students within the first few weeks of school.

Newsletter/Social Media- Sarah Kucbel

- monthly membership emails will be sent out

Right to Read Week- Jeni Banyas/Teri Burich

- contact teachers in November to start thinking about our theme this year

Room Events- Heather Perch/Stacie Belt

- Halloween first event of the year

Social- Michelle Diaz

- Co-Chair- Lydia Edwards
- Winter Break
- Spring Break

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Yoder

- Spring

Yearbook- Mrs. Schwartz

Next Meeting: In the Teachers lounge- which has moved- now located in the old art classroom, first classroom across from the gym. Meetings will be the first Monday of every month. 2nd Meeting of the 2017-18 school year will be Monday, September 11th @ 9:15. Children are welcome! Please buzz to get into the building. Enter through first door & walk into the school office. Sign in, get a name tag & head to the Teachers lounge.

Anyone with questions or concerns?

How will we get membership forms? Children not reliable!

PTO Vice President Jen Wolf will look into making a Google doc & paypal to sign up for membership.

Will post to the PTO Facebook page.

Do we have a family night at the school?

Not possible at this time due to space. Open to ideas & people willing to facilitate ideas.

No further questions.

Motion to end meeting

Motion 2nd