

Powers PTO Minutes- August 13, 2018 6pm

Welcome/Attendees: Sarah Kucbel: Welcome! Introduces herself. Meetings usually start off with Mrs. Schwartz's school report then we run through the agenda. Tonight we have very exciting news about our Wizard's game- will let Darcie tell you more about that once we get to fundraisers.

Principal's Report: Mrs. Schwartz

- Hi! Thanks for coming! I'm Mrs. Schwartz for those of you who are new to our school. We are very excited! We are going to have a fabulous year. We are growing! We had planned for 9 first grade classes this year but we have 10 since so many have enrolled over the summer! Our Title 1 teacher from last year has moved over to the first grade teacher position.
- Hopefully all of you will participate in our PTO. Our PTO meetings are held during the day so our PTO Moms as well as I can be with our families in the evenings. You do not have to attend the meetings in order to participate with our PTO.
- Kindergarten will start a little differently this year. Screening will still be at the High School. Wednesday we will have a staggered start for Kindergarten. Parents will come to school with their students & spend time with their teacher. Half of the class will come in the AM the other half will come in the PM. Please check for which times. Parking will be crazy! Can park at Steele, along the road or in the North lot. I may ask for volunteers for the first whole day of Kindergarten to help the students get to their classrooms, will let Sarah Kucbel know. All Kindergarten students will wear a "crown" for the first week or so of school. The crown has their name, teacher name & bus #/walker/car rider. It is also helpful if student names/teacher names are labeled on backpacks.
- Open House is Thursday at 4:30pm
- Pick up/drop off- Drop off at the North end. Pull all the way up to the stop bar. Students must be able to exit the vehicle independently. Aides as well as occasionally police are in the area to supervise children entering the building. Drop off- also parents can park anywhere along Washington or park over at the high school & walk their students to the school. Pick up- PM is chaotic! However, please hold out one more year until the new school. PTO as well as school staff & the superintendent have looked at & tried to improve the PM pick up situation. Could not decide on any improvements. Parents please choose a spot & tell your child to look for you there every day. 2nd graders will come out of the north end of the 2nd grade hallway. Kindergarten & 1st will come through doors behind the trailer. Mrs. Schwartz as well as school staff will be out there to supervise. Car riders may pull into the north lot, however these cars do not use the parking spots. Cars will line up & will be dismissed as lined up. Cars will not be dismissed until all car riders have entered their vehicles. An Aide will be positioned to dismiss vehicles.

President- Sarah Kucbel

- Need to vote on a new Secretary for 2018-19 school year. Sarah Herold our current secretary has taken a position at Nord Middle School. Michelle Diaz has offered to take the position. She currently has a second grader at Powers & has been involved in the PTO. Does anyone here want the position as Secretary? (No show of hands) We will vote by a show of hands. Anyone wishing to vote yes for Michelle Diaz as secretary, please raise your hand. (Unanimous show of hands) Michelle Diaz is our new Secretary.
- Hospitality position is open. Hospitality provides dinner to our staff during school conferences. Anyone with questions on the position can talk to Sarah Herold as she

provided Hospitality last year. Anyone considering this position does not have to decide tonight.

- Family First Nights- November 14th, 2018 and March 20th, 2019. Have organized this with our school district. The entire district will be participating in this. There will be no homework on these nights. No sports games, no practices or club meetings. The night is all about spending time with our families. Have contacted local businesses about offering coupons/ discounts on these nights. More information to come.
- PTO meetings will be held this year on the 1st Friday of each month in the Powers Library. We have lost use of the teachers' lounge for our meetings due to space issues. Meetings will be at 11am due to it being lunch hours- no one will be in the Library.

Vice President- Jen Wolf

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Secretary-Sarah Herold

- Sign in-

Treasurer- Amanda Dougherty

- Financial Updates
- New reimbursement form for 2018-19 school year. Hopefully it will be easier for everyone to use.

Bake Sale- Michelle Diaz

- Will need volunteers to bake for our bake sale during November 8th conference night. This is also the night to pick up Yankee Candle fundraiser sales.

Book Fair-Aleshia Fossie

- More info later. Usually in the spring.

Box Tops- Toni Racy

- We have a class over at Steele whom clips our box tops for us. So we do not need to have a parent cutting night.

Coke Rewards- Carrie Puhalla

Community Service- Kim DiFillippo/ Jessica Glowacki

- Looking to start community nights like Nord does.
- Possibly looking in to Valor Home

Field Day- Jen Wolf

- More info later closer to field day date. Usually falls in May.

Fundraiser- Darcie Parsons/Sarah Crosby

- Yankee Candle- last year we raise approximately \$17,000. This year's sale will be September 26th through October 16th. Sale packets will go home with students on September 26th. Items will be available for pick up at November 8th conference night. We will need all hands on deck, as many volunteers as possible that day to help unload the shipment & help distribute to student parents.
- Wizards- Tuesday, October 9th. all funds raised from this game will go to upgrade the playground surface at the new Powers Elementary. The playground was part of the state funded package, however Powers PTO has decided to pay for the upgrade of the playground surface. Instead of mulch the playground will have the matt like rubber surface. The Wizards are much like the Harlem Globetrotters. However they are a fundraiser for the schools. They go all over the US, even overseas. The game will be in the High School Gym. We are in need of LOTS of volunteers- to set up, clean up,

Wizards merchandise sales, concessions, etc. Students will have an assembly the day before the game kindergarten up through 8th grade. We are hoping for a sellout. There are 1,200 tickets on sale. The game is open to the public. The game is lots of entertainment. Order forms will go home with students for tickets as well as purchase can be made online. Also will have tickets for sale at the Open House on Thursday. There are several packages to purchase online. Courtside seats are available for purchase only online. There are 60 courtside seats available. Courtside ticket sales also receive early admission to the game and a 10-min meet and greet with the Wizards. There is also a wiz kids package available. With the Wiz kids purchase students will get a jersey and be able to play with the Wizards. There are 2 different Whiz kid packages to purchase at \$30 or \$45 a jersey is included in this purchase. If ordering a jersey as part of the package- sizes can be changed at pick-up. There is an online sales fee. Pre-event sales are \$12 for general admission or \$15 at the door. Doors will open at 5:30 for general admission. Looking for donations of concession items. Please share the event on social media. Anyone with questions can contact Darcie or Heather Pearch.

Homecoming- Melissa Thompson

- In need of a truck & flatbed.

Hospitality- Christine George

Membership- Amanda Dougherty

- Online Google form and use of paypal. Link is on the Powers Facebook page. Can sign up via Google Form & send payment of cash or check in an envelope labeled with your name, Child's name & teacher & labeled as "PTO Membership." Or can pay online via paypal. Members will receive an email back as receipt. Membership is \$5 per family. However, if you would like to donate more you can.

Newsletter/Social Media- Sarah Kucbel

- Usually comes out every 4-6 or 8 weeks. Only PTO members receive the Newsletter

Right to Read Week- Ann Jones/ Morgan Wachholz

Room Events- Heather Pearch/Stacie Belt.

- Craft for classrooms- Halloween, Christmas & Valentine's Day

Social- Michelle Diaz/ Amanda Gallo/ Stacey Bruce

Teacher Appreciation- Kimi Allen

Yearbook- Mrs. Schwartz

- Please follow on twitter. Takes lots of pictures throughout the school year and posts to twitter, many of which also appear in the Yearbook.

Next Meeting: September 7, 2018 @11am in the Powers Library