

Powers PTO Minutes- March 9, 2018

Welcome/Attendees: Please Sign in

Principal's Report:

- We are at rapid time of year. There is lots of stuff going on in the school.
- 2nd grade & 1st grade are both going on fieldtrips. Can PTO help with those students who cannot pay? Answer: Yes, as we have in the past.
- Next year kindergarten- Kindergarten registration is happening on March 20th and April 19th. Look for the next edition of Comet Conversation with Mr.Sayers. Mr. Sayers will be speaking with Mrs. Schwartz about details for Kindergarten Registration.
- Change for next year Kindergarten class- Kindergarten screening will be happening right before school starts. Kindergarten will do a staggered start for the first day of school. Each class will be split in half. The first half will have a 2 hour first day of Kindergarten – with parent & student in the morning. Then after lunch second half will come in. During the 2 hours teachers will go over class routines, show pick up drop off to parents.
- School Calendar will be very busy last couple of months.
- Movie Day will be on May 31st at 9am. Mrs. Schwartz & a few staff are reviewing old movies in which most K-2 grade students have not seen. The movie must be G rated. This is an all school field trip to the Lorain Palace. Students will all receive a Popcorn & water.

President- Sarah Kucbel

- Kindergarten Reading Café-in past we have given \$30 per teacher for reading café, to go towards snack, napkins, cups, etc. There are 9 Kindergarten teachers-which will be less than \$300. Should this be a line item in the budget? PTO has contributed to the Kindergarten Reading Café every year. PTO membership should not have to vote on this every year. Sarah Crosby motions to approve. Sarah Yoder 2nds. Motion approved by unanimous vote. Sarah Kucbel will find out how teachers want their check, each individually or as a group. All teachers need to turn in receipts for purchases made.
- Money/PBIS ideas- Sarah Kucbel met w Mrs. Germuska. Mrs. Germuska heads the PBIS program, which is the positive behavior program in the school. Mrs. Germuska wants PTO to get involved with the program. Possible ideas for PTO: to sponsor a table at lunch(decorate it), kids will be able to earn privileges to sit at the table through PBIS . Right now Powers teachers have donated prizes. A member asked "What is PBIS?" Mrs. Schwartz explains: Children earn different colored tickets for each month for positive behavior, they put their name on it. Each month is a different colored raffle ticket, each month staff looks for different qualities. Such as, respect, responsible. Mrs. Schwartz, 4 winners drawn per day. Bus garage is on board also with this program. Bus drivers give out tickets. Member asks: "Can we send out an explanation of what the program is to parents. A lot of parents have no idea what the program is." Mrs. Schwartz will make sure an explanation is sent out.
- Community engagement- PTO is looking for ways to engage the community in the schools. Sarah Kucbel has been looking into other school districts & PTO's for examples. One possibility- Family First Night-is a day with no practices, no games, no extracurricular programs within the school system. Local businesses could give out coupons(a percentage off, free drink, etc.). This could be a way for the schools & community to support families & family time. This is just one example of an idea, we are looking for other ideas. Anyone have any other ideas? Please let us know.
- Next year add a coke rewards committee.
- Next year add a hospitality committee.
- Carrie Puhala, PTO member was recently shopping online through office depot. Office depot has a program to donate 5% back to the schools. Schools can use the 5% rewards for office & school supplies. Sarah Kucbel will check into this program.

Vice President- Jen Wolf

- Field day volunteer forms will go home after spring break. We may skip field day gifts in favor of better snacks. PTO usually goes through the cafeteria in order to purchase snacks. However, snacks in the past, once received have not been correct for allergens. Last year, the popsicles purchased may contain dairy & were processed through a facility which may contain peanuts. Can PTO go through an outside source to get snack? PTO membership suggested halos, bananas & apples.

Secretary-Sarah Herold

- Please sign in

Treasurer- Teri Burich

- Financial Update
- Teri will be stepping down as treasurer for next year. She is more than happy to help someone learn the position through the remainder of the year. Teri will have everything from this year's position & past years which were handed down to her, at the May PTO meeting.

Bake Sale- Michelle Diaz

Book Fair-Aleshia Fossie/ Jenni Collins/Amanda Gallow

- Book Fair is March 20th & 21st. Volunteers are needed for both days. Links to sign up & volunteer have been & will be posted again on Facebook & Twitter. 5 volunteers are needed per hour. Set up at will be at 4p. The Fair runs from 5-7p. Tear down will be at 7pm. This year the Book Fair has been given \$100 worth of free books for a raffle. Aleshia will separate these books by age. Anyone who makes a purchase will get a raffle ticket. Names will be drawn. Sarah Crosby mentioned, plug adapters are needed for registers. Also an extension cord per register. The book fair committee needs to get a permit for gym use. Which can be fill out online on the district website.

- Volunteers needed- use sign up Genius. Links will be posted via Facebook & Twitter

Box Tops- Andrea Bailey/Gina Dury

- May 4th Deadline.
- However, we are always collecting!!!!!!

Community Service- Kim DiFillippo/Jessica Glowacki

Field Day- Jen Wolf

- See Vice-President's report

Fundraiser- Darcie Parsons/Sarah Crosby

- Suggested to do Yankee in fall for next year. Membership voted in favor for fall fundraiser
- Sarah Crosby will not be here for next year. So we have a fundraiser chair position open for next year.

Homecoming- Stacy Bruce/Amanda Gallo

- Chairs open for next year. Stacy & Amanda will move to social.

Membership- Amanda Dougherty

Newsletter/Social Media- Sarah Kucbel

Right to Read Week- Jeni Banyas/Teri Burich

- Both chairs open for next year. PTO committee is more of a support system. The Staff takes care of it.
- Volunteers Needed for various positions- use sign up Genius

Room Events- Heather Pearch/Stacie Belt

Social- Michelle Diaz/Lydia Edwards

- Skate World during Spring Break- will look for early times as Nord PTO has a spring break date.

Teacher Appreciation- Sarah Yoder

- April 23-27th. Monday will have donuts. Wednesday will provide lunch. Friday will have popcorn.

- Will be doing a sign up genius to send in water/gift cards etc. to help support.
 - Dress up week for students.
 - Student will send cards to teachers.
 - In need of pint size mason jars, will be giving succulents to each staff in the mason jars.
- Will have a sign up genius for this also. In need of approx. 80 for teachers.

- Theme is flowers

Yearbook- Mrs. Schwartz

Comments from Membership:

Stacey Bruce & Amanda Gallow would like to Thank Mrs. Schwartz for coming out during pick up time to help supervise. Pick up goes so much smoother with her out there.

Next Meeting: April 13th, 2018 @9:15

Meeting adjourned