

PTA Meeting Minutes

Thursday, September 14th, 2017

Welcome - Tanya Streifel

- Thanks for coming
- Handouts
 - Contact List
 - Membership

Principal Update - Bryan McGinley

- Thanks to Tanya & Sarah for their leadership and stepping up
- D4D this Saturday
- 671 Students this year
- Principal Challenge: still going through everything, will pick a date for the event to recognize and the pizza parties (if you completed all three). Thanks to parents who supported it
- School Initiatives:
 - Peaceful School bus (getting the whole staff involved in supporting the bus ride): 3 meetings a year, getting bus drivers and teachers together
 - Wilson Reading: new approach to helping kids with reading problems
 - Lost at School: helping with children who don't feel like they fit in, how to help motivate and connect with the child
- Goals this year
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 - Engage with our students
 - Minnetonka Frameworks: framing what we teach using technology
 - Responsive Classroom Techniques: survey staff and bring in a trainer, helps reduce off task behavior
- Workplace Survey: Minnetonka was listed as a top place to work
- Committed to a positive successful learning environment.

President Update - Tanya Streifel & Sarah Jewett

- Need a talent show coordinator (March 17th at High School): create a committee, grab a friend, whatever...let's make this happen!
- Need a Parent Party coordinator (big spring fundraiser): we are doing more with corporate sponsorship so it won't be a huge of an event to plan

Treasurer Update - Lisa Goodwin

- Last year parent party \$26,477.00
- \$19,000 brought in from corporate sponsorship and fund-a-need: so far out of those dollars we have funded...\$7000 worth of teacher needs. \$5300 left of enrichment grants, going to use this for teachers to help build up their classrooms
- Teachers also get money for other enrichment
- \$7300 approx spent through field trips
- D4D is second largest fundraiser so please come Saturday

Fundraising Update - Laura Kottke

- We've taken out separate donations for different events - ONE ask and organization is recognized through the year (at events, in signage, etc...)
- \$18,000+ in corporate sponsorship
- Plus in kind donations (ex Dominos)

- If anyone wants to help with this committing, please step up, corporate sponsorship has grown and we need more help

Recent & Upcoming Events

- D4D (Tanya)
 - This Saturday
 - History: started when parents were sick of selling wrapping paper, pizza, etc...so this became more of a family event and then became a color run
 - 16 teachers coming
 - Looking for a chair next year (whether you do color run or something else)
 - Come early to ensure you get a T-shirt
- Health Screenings
 - Sign up if you can help
- Book Fair - Jenny Starkey
 - Oct 11-13 "Wild West" Theme
 - Grandparents Day on Friday
 - Sign up Genius/volunteer opportunities will be out soon
 - Great event at school, kids can pick out books AND you can buy teachers gifts
 - We get scholastic dollars and we give this to the classroom teachers to use

Volunteer Recruitment - Bob Avery-Babel & Kelsey Lang

- My School Anywhere: new system for volunteers this year, same as directory, all sign ups are together
- Volunteers Needed (immediate): D4D, Cares Events, Room Parents
- Weekly email with snap shot of needs
- Parents of Deephaven Kids: closed group on Facebook
- Need new volunteers, love new faces!

Culture Club - Susan Allen

- Bringing together all the different cultures in our school
- Open to everyone, after school, parent driven
- Tie into something we already love...World Cultural Week
- Start in January & meet mostly
- Pilot year: looking for volunteers

Other

- Minnetonka Foundation is giving a grant to all the schools "The Hub" you'll see around the school: robotics related, electrical, digital media. Allows teachers to bring hands on to things they are already teaching
- Oct 9th at Peak Travel even to see/learn more about this
- 8:00pm Room Parent Meeting with Tanya Streifel
- Next PTA Meeting November 16th at 7pm in the media center

7:53pm Meeting Adjourned