

## **Gilbert PTO Meeting**

April 1, 2019

Location: Gilbert Middle School

Call to order: 7:30

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Molly Neal-Wong (PTO-VP), Sunde Nesbit (PTO S), Emily Olson (PTO-AL), Kirsten Martinek, Erin Roche, and Vic Vanderpool (High School Principal)

B. Richards welcomed everyone and called the PTO meeting to order.

### Update from V. Vanderpool

Building projects are advancing:

- New softball fields are advancing quickly, progress made over three days was significant. Final layout will have a walking trail.
- West side of HS- making new classrooms and art room; building construction has begun. This is the first portion of squaring off the building over time.
- Doubling size of auto shop and industrial tech area; also will include food science area and new greenhouse.
- Starting new band room; it will nearly double in size from current band room. It will be open in August 2019
- MS: new wing is getting started; this will be new classroom. Also will be addition to new gym and vestibule area.
- Also will be doing renovations to old track
- IS and ES- getting HVAC systems.

Several new positions available:

- HS: Assistant principal. Hired already, about three weeks ago. (Largest graduating class ever coming in- 140)
- IS/ES: Student support coordinator (LMHC). Will work with all schools, but primarily target intermediate and elementary school. (Second counselor added this year already to HS)
- Half-time English (HS; due to large classes in future)
- Special education teacher
- New registrar- Vicki Strom is retiring.
- Nurse associate (despite recent state recommendations). Currently, there is one nurse shared across MS and HS.
- Early kindergarten teacher. Hired already
- Several retirements in district that will be hired for next year.

New money coming into the district next year- 2%. Overall, good news.

### Past Activities

V. Vanderpool mentioned that conference meals were very much appreciated. Intermediate school staff approached B. Richards with the idea of asking for monetary donations in the future rather than potluck items (was very challenging to get the items filled this time). Discussed pros and cons to donating money as opposed to making food. Hy-Vee may provide discounts for catering. Also, new food science lab is being built, with industrial-size kitchen. An idea could be to have the food science students cater the conference meals in the future.

Yearbook orders were submitted today. Supposed to come in end of May; they will be distributed at Intermediate School on last day of school.

### Current/Upcoming Activities

B. Richards requested that Mr. Vanderpool consult with other principals, to see what timing might work for Teacher Appreciation Meal during Teacher Appreciation Week (May 6-10).

Mileage Club is scheduled to start next week.

Carnival is scheduled for May 4. Various scheduling details were discussed. There have been challenges in securing ISU volunteers.

Next meeting is on May 6, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned 8:50 p.m.