

Gilbert PTO Meeting

May 7, 2018

Location: Gilbert Middle School

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm.

Role call: Beth Richards (PTO P), Molly Neal-Wong (PTO-VP), Sunde Nesbit (PTO S), Emily Olson (PTO-OAL), June Burns, Erin Roche, Kirsten Martinek, Staci Edwards (Elementary School Principal)

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

Update from S. Edwards

Staff changes: Randi Sniezek moving to 5th grade; another 2nd grade teacher taking a leave of absence. Two new teachers for second grade.

6/1 Field day at elementary school.

Have moved into project based learning in classrooms. First grade took on the project from last year. Staci provided them with \$10,000 budget and they got information to provide options. They will be taking ideas to students at school for a vote. PTO voted to provide \$10,000 to support project.

Updates

Multicultural night was a success. S. Edwards mentioned that it was surprisingly amount of people for the relatively small space.

Bingo information is not updated. Dhuha indicated that it "cleared" \$5000.

Folders have arrived.

S. Edwards shared that safety night was fine, excepting low turnout. Potential for doing a "parent training" in Fall 2018. There is a steering committee comprised of a variety of district and community members. SCJ has purchased a program/app for students to submit report, to help with contact for peers in need.

J. Burns will have an improv day at the HS (May 18), for success center; goal is to have kids to recenter thoughts and have permission to be "goofy." Dhuha put together "recharge station" baskets for breaks. Talking about therapy/emotional support animals. Using mental health funds to provide supports for this.

Current/Upcoming Activities

Mileage club: New scanning system is great, but challenge with double scan days.

Teacher appreciation lunch: Most slots are full. May need helpers for clean up.

School Supply Kits are available for purchase. Need to be purchased by June 30. Challenge with donation- Question of how to donate specific dollar amount; may want to include that directly on website for future. For now, can include the area on the RevTrak for this.

Back to School Social- August 24. There are volunteers for this already, for both elementary and intermediate schools.

Square 1 Art Fundraiser (Fall 2018)- Already on calendar. Will be for elementary and intermediate schools.

Carnival Planning- tentatively scheduled for 11/3. Will check with Mike, other principals. Will put it on the calendar. Still need something to replace inflatables. J. Burns suggested a ninja/agility/obstacle course. If so, need parent volunteers. Another option would be Bingo.

For next year, tentative plan is to resume meeting on Mondays, except first meeting.

Meeting adjourned 8:45 p.m.