

Hamilton PTSA meeting minutes October 11, 2016

Present: Amy Billingsley, Mel Toner, Tami Patzer, Shelley Shepherd, Anne Davidson-Mundt

Meeting began at 6:50 p.m.

CSC Update: Tami

School Performance Framework Scores will come out to principals this week and publically later this month. There will be an open forum for Hamilton parents in conjunction with parent teacher conferences on November 3 that will include a review of scores.

Future PTSA meeting times: feedback has indicated it would be helpful to have some morning meetings. Consequently, December and February meetings will be held in the morning to accommodate those requests.

Heritage night had a good turnout (estimated at 100 people). Discussion about funding (what PTSA has agreed to will include paper goods etc.) and how it was advertised. Future nights have been proposed; next will be in early December and might be a celebration of lights theme.

No fall social, no Halloween party; instead, the administration has decided to do a movie in the afternoon just before fall break.

There will be a Spirit Week in November.

PBIS update: they are looking at vendors for bigger prizes and are still planning on allocated PTSA funds. Additional request from Gwen Victor was to provide funds for a teacher prize for perfect attendance. Discussion whether appropriate for PTA to reward attendance of teachers/staff when it is an expected part of the job. Suggestion made to consider requesting a gift card donation from individual parents via Sign Up Genius in conjunction with Sunshine Lunch to give via a drawing (with all teachers being eligible). Decision was to table this aspect of PBIS until Tami talks further with administration.

Budget: Mel

See handout put together by Mel: reviewed income and expenses. Discussion about Muffins for Families -may or may not continue next year given low attendance this year.

Fundraisers:

Fall fundraising: Tami has more envelopes now. Tami will ask Leanne to send another email to teachers to remind students to turn in (and check backpacks and desks).

Nov. 17 dine out at Beau Jo's.

Chrome book challenge – maybe look at specific advertising in November/December. Could consider encouraging people to donate as a holiday gift for friends/family. Discussed problem last year with corporate match and tax ID number. Tami will talk with Dr. Sawyer to see what is currently needed.

November meeting: PTSA will be held in conjunction with Hamilton open forum after parent teacher conferences on Nov. 3. Time TBD.

CSC on November 15 will combine with MYP community meeting.

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Discussion regarding how to increase PTA participation. Amy will help recruit other 6th grade parents from those she knows. Sunshine lunches are a great way to get involved. We all can try to recruit from group meetings we each attend (i.e. Amy mentioned the GT group).

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Anne Davidson-Mundt