

ALLDERDICE PTO MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017

First meeting of the AY 2017-2018 in Allderdice Library, 7:00 p.m.

This is the first meeting with new PTO President Janet Kinnane. This also reflects the new time for PTO meetings at 7:00 p.m., instead of 6:30 p.m. PTO now follows PSCC that runs 6 – 7 p.m. Also, thanks Dr. McCoy for pizza for the meetings. 26 attended the meeting.

Welcome and Introductions -- PTO President Janet Kinnane welcomed everyone to the meeting, special welcome to newcomers.

- 1 Overview of the PTO, its mission and activities for the year: Support, Fundraising, and Grants to teachers and students. Main activities: Dragon Spirit fundraising, Multicultural dinner (December 14th, 5 p.m.), Teacher appreciation breakfast.
- 2 Introduction of officers – VP Rachel Colker, Secretary Sabina Deitrick, and Treasurers Karen Clay and Amanda Godley; and FACE Coordinators: Raechel Palmer (going on maternity leave in October) and Jessica Porter. Nicole Chicas will be filling in.
- 3 Reminder of 501(c)(3) status for fundraising.
- 4 No principal report today, given in PSCC.
- 5 Rachel Colker – produced web site and Facebook page. Contact Rachel for details.
- 6 PTO will invite a student(s) from the student cabinet when elections held.
- 7 Discussed ideas for use of the eight half-day Fridays – possible partnerships, e.g., Global Links, Jubilee Kitchen. PTO can provide support for students to assist/travel.

Treasurer's Report – Karen Clay

- 1 PTO established 2 bank accounts this fall. The PTO account balance is \$2654.00. The Dragon Spirit account balance is \$27,000.00. \$13K of this account is reserved for the Allderdice field project. The remaining \$14K can be available for grants.

Grant Report – Karen Clay and Amanda Godley: Call for vote on three grants recommended to be funded by Dragon Spirit funds:

1. Ms Genter, Counseling office, for support of drug and Alcohol awareness education, \$2000.00
 2. Ms Casciato, Math dept, for Kuta software license for 3 yrs . \$1535.00
 3. Dr Waldeck, Physics dept, for purchase of TI-Nspire CX Navigator System, \$2,456
- All grants approved.

Review of grant request procedures for teachers and students with teacher sponsor. Encouraged parents to consider approaches as well to partner with students and

teachers.

Introduction -- VP Rachel Colker introduced Abbie Campsie, Dragon Spirit fundraising coordinator. April 25th, Pittsburgh Golf Club.

Abby Constantine, coordinator of SpiritWear sales

PTO Business

- 1 Seeking volunteers for the Multicultural dinner
- 2 Rachel explained the AFA – Alumni and Friends of Allderdice organization

FACE Report

- 1 Seeking parents to serve on the Parent Advisory Council (the former Excellence for All) group – can be multiple parents. Representative at meeting with school officials and board members, first Thursday of the month. At board on Bellefield St. or SciTech. 6 – 8 p.m.

Next PTO meeting Thursday, October 19th (shifted from 2nd Thursday). Meeting adjourned.

Sabina Deitrick, secretary
September 15, 2017