

## **ALLDERDICE PTO MEETING MINUTES, NOVEMBER 9, 2017**

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

**Meeting called and Welcome by PTO President Janet Kinnane.**

**Treasurer's Report:** Karen Clay reported a balance of \$9,000 for the PTO and \$23,600 for Dragon Spirit. There were \$900 in Spiritwear Sales.

### **Update on Fundraising:**

1. Amy Constantine: Spiritwear update, selling very well. Next up: Discover Allderdice and Reunions. Items will be available by next week.

2. Abbie Campsie: The Dragon Spirit Fundraiser is scheduled for Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup> at the Pittsburgh Golf Club and that date coincides with the Hall of Fame event earlier in the week. The next committee meeting is December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 7:30 p.m. at Crazy Mocha on Murray Ave. Will add live auction this year and need people to get the baskets together.

3. Janet asked if it was worth having an end-of-the-year tax donation request? Rachel Colker will write the letter asking parent for money. Questions: Is there Allderdice Day of Caring? What are you fundraising for?

### **Grant requests:** Reported by Janet Kinnane:

1. Bus trip to Carnegie Museum for 20/20 exhibit. 29 students, Grable Foundation paying for admission. Request \$158, passed
2. Carl Baumgart – Visual communications teacher, request for prep for screen printing for kids to make tee shirts. Students learn to print, used for clubs, reward systems. Four different colors, \$1,695. They have a press – this is an upgrade.
3. Matt Brinksman and Managing Enterprise Prototyping – 2 3D printers at \$900 each, student-driven, open class for students, in engineering program. There are 3 now.
4. Melissa Donnelly and Mark Madsen – Request for 3 school buses to take kids to Coco, Disney movie + tickets, for \$1,230. Discussion – South Side Works offers free movies for students with buses. This request was declined. Karen said they were asking for \$400.

### **Principal's Report:** James McCoy

1. Updates: Discover Allderdice is next week. Thanksgiving break now runs through Monday. December 2<sup>nd</sup> semi-formal for juniors and seniors is at the David Lawrence Convention Center and students can bring someone from outside the school.
2. Fall sports wrapping up. Allderdice City Champions: Football and Girls Volleyball! Congratulations to the students! Football team will be recognized by City Council in

December and the team will attend the Steelers game next Thursday night. Also recognized by Council -- Merit Scholars. The school had a nice pep rally. Neither goes to states.

**Students' Report:** Jeff Martin, senior class president, and Jade Millifield, junior class president. Problems continue with bathrooms and bathroom stalls and lack of doors.

**FACE report** by Jessica Porter delivered via email.

**PAC Report:** Robert Aber and Hope Larkin-Begley.

1. Discussed the results of the student survey. 15.2% response rate. Information is to the school. Dr. Sheehan delivered the survey. Robert said one issue was communications from the schools not clear. Dr. McCoy talked about incentives done at Sci-Tech to get a 50% response rate from parents. Robert expected to get around 25%.
2. Pittsburgh Promise funding can be used by PPS juniors and seniors for coursework at CCAC. Students who attend an out-of-state HEI can use Promise money for summer courses in state.
3. Action Fund Application – A Plus Schools – to address equity issues for parents and staff. See Robert for more information. Deadline is December 15<sup>th</sup>.
4. Discussion of district-wide approaches to bullying. There's a bullying packet that can be obtained by calling the parent hotline. Parents do complain that they call and nothing happens

### **PTO Updates and Business**

1. Multicultural Dinner – Wed. December 13<sup>th</sup> before the concert. Sukanya Srivasan organizing and looking for volunteers. Event is 6:00-7:00 p.m. The Global Mind Club will be assisting.
2. Clothing drive and food bank was discussed. Janet – donate surplus Spirit Wear shirts.
3. Food Bank – open on weekends. Kids get a back pack of food to take home – soup, tuna, PB&J, MacN Cheese, bars
4. Ongoing issues: New standardized tests. Documents-based assessments. Same assessment, but quarterly now. Keystones – Quarterly. Discussion continued on testing. Jewels in the school. Debbie Steward, Drug Debbie's program continues.

**Meeting adjourned.**

Sabina Deitrick, Secretary

November 21, 2017