

PTO minutes
October 19, 2017

Minutes of 9/14/17 were approved

Janet Kinnane, PTO president, introduced the senior and junior class presidents, Jeff Martin and Jade Minnifield.

Treasurer's report: (Karen Clay)

\$8800 in account

So far this year we've earned \$2800 in dues and \$6350 in spirit wear, more than we earned in either category by the end of last year.

Fundraising: (Janet Kinnane)

Should we do more spirit wear? Student leaders say yes, and that they will let us know what types of styles students would like.

In school sale of spirit wear again? The last one, run by Janet Kinnane and Rachel Colker, raised approximately \$800.

It was suggested that spirit wear could be sold at the Nov. 15 Discover Allderdice event and the December 19 Multicultural Dinner.

Clarification on the Dragon Spirit funds was asked:

- The field did not end up being something we could pay for, nor the sign, because of zoning and district issues.
- Students asked if the money could be used to pay for fixing bathrooms**. A long discussion was held about the state of the bathrooms, including many missing stall doors. Dr. McCoy noted that he brought this to the district's attention and maintenance workers were sent to measure missing doors, and will check on the progress. Many suggestions were made to take photos of the state of the bathrooms (without students in the photos) and testify in front of the school board. Parents are concerned about this issue, too, and offered to testify in front of the school board.

Principal's report; (Dr. McCoy)

- boys and girls soccer made the playoffs – boys will play this weekend, girls on Monday.
- Football team has its last game on Friday night. If so, they win the section. Currently ranked first in the city.
- Girls Volleyball is also doing well.
- Homecoming dance 625 tickets were sold, went well. Very positive, no incidents.
- Next dance Dec 2, semi-formal dance - only juniors and seniors.
- Prom, at Station Sq Sheraton, May 24
- Nov 15 - Discover Allderdice event - clubs and sports teams can come
- Nov 16 - report cards distributed
- Nov 17 - half day for students.
- Will talk about restorative practices in next meeting based on experience at SciTech

PPS Parent Advisory Council report (Eileen Gorry):

- Dara Ware Allen: Code of Conduct
- Suspensions compared to last year at this point in year is in half
- All schools are implementing restorative practices (proactive) and restorative justice (reactive)
- Also PBIS is being rolled out - positive behavior interventions and supports. It includes not just "rewards," but also transparency in what their expectations are.
- There was also talk about free after school academies at some schools- after-school tutoring, STEM activities, and sports. Though they are free to all, you have to arrange transportation

FACE report (Jessica Porter)

- Rachael is out on maternity leave until January, Nicole Chicas is substituting for her until then.
- Future PSCC meeting will be a report on the parent survey. Only 10% response rate.
- Multicultural dinner is on December 19 - 6-8 pm.
- Sukanya Srinivasan is leading the organizing

PTO sponsored activities for students on the half days: (Janet Kinnane)

- Nov 17: 12:10-2:30 Carnegie Museum 20/20 exhibit. Bus needed. Permission slip needed. **Four parents needed to chaperone (Halloran is involved, but can't go due to PD. Ms Magor will distribute info, BSU is involved, AACAS would also be interested)**
- Nov 17: Global Links - 12:30-2:30 , Greentree. **Two volunteer parents needed. Could be used by 9th graders for their civics service requirement.**
- **Amanda Godley will email PTO members to see if there are more volunteers for these days.**
- **We would like to hear more ideas for things to do for students on Friday half days.**
- Student class presidents will gather ideas from students about what to do with those half days.

Grant report: (Amanda Godley)

- PTO is ready to distribute grants
- Anyone on PTO is happy to help students and teachers fill out the grant form.
- Grant form is available on the PTO website: allderdicepto.org
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Tardy policy: (General Discussion)

- Parents and students are concerned about the new tardy policy.
- There is a bottleneck because one of the metal detectors is turned off 10 minutes before school - this does not seem necessary.
- Tardies depend on how lenient the home room teacher is.
- Some of them seem unfair or overly strict.
- Too many kids getting lunch detentions.
- Students and FACE coordinator will talk to Dr. McCoy about this issue.

Meeting adjourned - next meeting November 9.