

## **Allderdice PTO Meeting minutes, April 12, 2018**

Seventh meeting of Academic Year 2017-2018 in Allderdice Library, 7:00 pm

Meeting opened by Janet Kinnane  
Minutes from March meeting approved

### **Treasurer's Report** – Karen Clay

There is \$6400.00 in the PTO account and \$18,616.00 in the Dragon Spirit account. There are opportunities for grants.

### **Grant Report** – Amanda Godley

A new grant request for \$110 was approved for a field trip bus to see a film at the J Film Fest.

Mrs. Hoelzle submitted a grant request in the amount of \$689 for Spanish language biology books. The request is for 6 student editions and 1 teacher's guide. The school district will not provide these books for students in ELL Biology. Request was approved. Amanda volunteered to try to find content support materials in Arabic for next year.

### **Principal's report** – Dr. McCoy

1. The school is still working through publicity received on social media concerning fights in school in March. The fight was not primarily based on events that occurred in neighborhoods. Efforts are being made to determine what conduct originating out of school triggered fights in school. Faculty are speaking with students to make them aware of who they should see at school to resolve these issues. Counselors have come up with ideas on how to unify the student body.
2. Spring sports have started.
3. A college tour occurred that included out-of-state schools.
4. African American C.A.S. traveled to Baltimore and the Washington, D.C. area.
5. Allderdice students represented the school well at the Science and Engineering Fair.
6. The student walk-out in support of gun control went smoothly.
7. Big events coming up include the National Honor Society induction ceremony, the Allderdice Hall of Fame event, The Pittsburgh Promise Walk, the Dragon Spirit Party, college Signing Day and Take a Father to School Day.
8. Counselor Debbie Genter is speaking with senior students about graduation. Counselors are also speaking with junior students about college. A Field Day is being planned for seniors.
9. The school is using the Naviance program to measure college career interest inventories.
10. Teachers now all have speakers and projectors in their classrooms.
11. Debbie thanks the PTO for the Allderdice Cares Program.

12. The Class of 1961 has made a gift to Allderdice in the amount of \$1400.
13. Becca's Closet will be make prom dresses available to students for Allderdice Prom, which is May 24.

### **Student Report**

Daniel Sun, a third-year Carnegie Mellon University Ph.D. candidate in Engineering and Public Policy, is coordinating a free 3-week summer program called Succeed. The program enables students to access experience in technology that students normally would not have. There is room for 30 students and the deadline for application is June 1, 2018. The application requires a teacher's recommendation.

### **FACE Report – Ms. Porter**

The Job Fair was not well attended. The plan for next year is to invite employers to come to school at their convenience.

A representative from the Board of Education came to school to issue work permits for students who needed them. A second work permit day is being planned.

### **Community events**

The Pittsburgh Promise Walk – can donate online through April 21

Hall of Fame event on April 26 at 7 p.m. – some honorees will be at Allderdice for the day and will participate in a panel discussion

Dragon Spirit Party – tickets are on sale, reach out to Abbie Campsie if you'd like to volunteer

Faculty Appreciation Breakfast will be held on May 2

**Topics of ongoing discussion** include student safety and school safety

Next PTO meeting is May 10 at 7pm

--Amy Constantine, acting PTO Secretary for April meeting