

Allderdice PTO Meeting, minutes, February 8, 2018

Fifth meeting of the AY 2017-2018 in Allderdice Library, 7:00 pm

Meeting opened by Janet Kinnane, PTO President (15 + present)

Minutes of January Meeting approved

We started the meeting with a guest presentation.

Guest Presentation

Janet Waldeck and Janelle Price, science teachers , led a presentation on summer science opportunities for Allderdice students. They presented an overview of classes that they teach in science research and about the relationship that they have with the local university communities to offer research opportunities to Dice students. Beatrice Milnes, a Dice student who has availed herself of these wonderful opportunities, presented her work.: "Macrophages are required for Adult Mourning Gecko Tail Regeneration." Dr. David Boone gave an overview of the UPCI Summer Academy at Pitt that he directs. Dr Rebecca Gonda gave an overview of her work with the High School to College Gene Team in the Biological Sciences Dept at Pitt. Laura Branby spoke about summer science camp at Allegheny College To learn more visit the website below. PTO thanks all presenters.

<http://www.howscienceworks.pitt.edu/high-school-students/research-opportunities>

Treasurer's Report PTO account balance \$7,017.54, Dragon Spirit \$23,616.39

Fund Raising Report PTO will sell Spirit wear at school at lunch time March 1. Dragon Spirit Gala committee welcomes volunteers planning event for April 28. Abbie Campsie is Committee Chair. Contact her at Abbieshops@msn.com

Grant Committee Report

1. McCoy's grant for updating all classroom with Audio visual equipment \$5000.00 from Dragon Spirit fund. Approved.
2. AACAS fieldtrip to Baltimore Wax Museum , Grant to subsidize bus requested \$600.00 Approved.
3. Ms Davies request for food for celebrating Promise Ready ninth graders. PTO has established policy not to fund food only requests.. Declined.

Principal's Report

1. National Counselor's Appreciation Week this week. You can send regards to your student's counselor.
2. He gave a brief overview of team sports. Both Girls and Boys Basketball teams are advancing in playoffs.

3. Ninth grade Dance planned for Feb 16th. Some parents raised concern that they were hearing that the students were not eager to go since it was only one grade and that it was causal dress.
4. Teacher Strike concern. Dr McCoy knows what we all know from the news. That if there is a strike, we will get 48 hours warning. The District tells him they have a plan in place if strike occurs, but plan has not been shared yet. Sticking points are more about principal authority in assigning classes than salaries and benefits is his understanding. If strike does occur, makeup days may use spring break and school days will not go past June 30th.
5. One parent asked about the altercation that happened this week in school. Dr McCoy reported that one security officer went to the hospital and one adult family member was arrested.

FACE Report

Raechal Palmer reported that she is planning a jobs fair in April. She also informed teachers and “Drug” Debbie about parents concern about JUULs (vaping) in school.

PAC Report deferred

Community events

Food and Clothing Drive ongoing, drop off in Main Office

Meg Ryan from CMU, gave an infomrative overview of Admissions and Financial aid as PCSS topic today. PTO arranged her visit.

Two Half Day Friday volunteer opportunities coming up, Feb 23, March 2 Allderdice Alum and author Nathaniel Philbrick visiting Allderdice English classes (Madden-Harold) March 9. For parents interested he will be at a bookstore in Sewickley that evening.

<http://www.penguinbookshop.com/event/nathaniel-philbrick>

Hall of Fame, honoring Allderdice Alum is April 26.

Ongoing Issues

Street Safety and Student Safety

District Standardized Test

Bath room Hygiene