

Allderdice PTO Meeting minutes, March 8, 2018

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

Meeting opened by Janet Kinnane
Minutes from February meeting approved

Treasurer's Report – Karen Clay

There is \$6717.00 in the PTO account and \$18,616.00 in the Dragon Spirit account. \$300 was dispersed from PTO account for Calculator grant and \$5000 was dispersed from Dragon Spirit account for technology grant.

Grant Report – Amanda Godley

Jewelry Grant for equipment requested by Jacqueline Moyer for \$482.13 was approved.

Field trip to JFilm grant for bus for \$110 requested by Melissa Donnelly and Amy Galloway-Barr was approved via email vote.

Unresolved grants are the 3D printer grant and the Spanish textbooks grant.

Fundraising Report – Amanda Godley

Spirit wear sales at the school during lunch last week raised \$432. PTO is seeking parent volunteers to sell at lunchtime 10-1, 2 days in a row in April.

Dragon Spirit Gala on April 28 at Pittsburgh Golf Club – Chair of event, Abbie Campsie gave update. Tickets on sale, early bird price \$55, regular price \$60. Can avoid convenience fee if send check made out to Abbie Campsie and mail to her at 5527 Northumberland St Pittsburgh 15217.

Principal's report – Dr McCoy

1. Yesterday all juniors in all PPS high schools took the SATs for free. SAT testing at Allderdice went well.
2. 325 students registered for 914 AP tests to be taken in May.
3. Students are working with staff to plan an appropriate response for the National Walk Out Day on March 14 in response to the Parkland shootings.
4. School had one lock down drill and plans an active shooter training for April 16.

Dr McCoy expressed his gratitude for the AV grant from the PTO to supply all classrooms with projectors for the goal of sending out video announcements.

Student Report – Jeff Martin

Jeff invited fellow student Izzy Segal and counselor Ms Genter to discuss their plans for the National Walk Out in March 14 at 10am. They are working with staff, but it is a mainly student run initiative. There will be video in classrooms, walkout in the courtyard and a call to action and remembrance of Parkland students who died.

They are organizing voter registration during senior lunch and Mr. Glickman is working with the students and the press. The students and school plan to continue work on gun violence and mental health.

Ms Genter informed us that Allderdice was chosen as a Stand Together school and awarded a grant to have a student-to-student initiative to take action against the stigma associated with mental illness.

FACE Report – Ms Porter

Trying to engage more parents from more neighborhoods. FACE is working with neighborhood groups such as the Hazelwood Center for Life and the Homewood Children's Village. Consider having PTO meetings in the neighborhoods. Consider using sporting events to reach out to parents and inform them about PTO.

PAC Report -

Parent survey will be online as of March 26, and mailed to homes in April. Want to urge parents to complete surveys, as the district and school can act on issues raised in the survey. Results of surveys are reported in Oct 2018.

SATs in the District – all 11th graders took SATs and all 8th graders took PSATs rfor free to get college readiness benchmark data.

Curriculum book. Can we request to be on the committee with Rebecca Calhoun?

Discussion item from Eileen Gorry: Can we move the PAC report to PSCC instead of PTO so that is has enough time for discussion?

Community event

Nathaniel Philbrick March 9th meeting with stduents in Ms Madden Harrold classes

Hall of Fame on April 26th at 7pm - The inductees are:

Devra Davis, environmental health researcher

Brenda Ekwurzel, climate scientist

Michael Himelstein, composer and lyricist

Tereneh Mosley, fashion designer

Jackson Wright, physician researcher and professor of medicine

Faculty appreciation breakfast May 2 and we are looking for volunteers

Topics of ongoing discussion include student safety, school safety, and district standardized testing.

Next PTO meeting is April 12th, at 7pm

Sabina Deitrick, PTO Secretary