

## **Allderdice PTO meeting minutes, September 8, 2018**

First meeting of Academic year 2018-2019 in Allderdice Library, 6:00 pm

Janet Kinnane called meeting to order  
Minutes from May, 2018 meeting approved

Introduced PTO Leadership for 2018-1019 and Chairs of Committees

New President	Amy Constantine
VP	Janet Kinnane
Treasurers	Amanda Godley and Robert Aber
Secretary	Sabina Deitrick

Chair of Multicultural Dinner	Sukanya Srinivasan
Chair of Teacher Appreciation Breakfast	Hope Larkin-Begley
Chair of Dragon Spirit Gala	Robert Aber
Chair of Communications	Rachel Colker
Chair of Grants	Robert Aber

Still looking for Chair of Spirit wear. Rachel Colker looking for help with Communications.

### **Treasurer's Report** – Amanda Godley

There is \$5,500 in PTO account and \$26,000 in Dragon Spirit account.

Amanda explained the history of the 2 accounts and the original plan to renovate the field. Money from the Dragon Spirit account has been used for bigger grant items. Last year, for example, we funded Principal McCoy's grant request for \$5000 for audio visual equipment that is now used in all the classrooms. Discussion ensued of possible big grant ideas for this year. Principal McCoy said there are needs in Theater Arts and World Languages. PTO is happy to receive and review grants. A list of grants awarded last year was handed out at this meeting, and can be found on PTO website.

Amanda reported that we raised \$2,375 from Spirit wear sales on Back to School night on Aug 30.

### **Grant Report** – Robert Aber

Jennifer McGonagle, French teacher, requested subscriptions for an online language video site for the French and Spanish classes. Ms. McGonagle was present at the meeting to explain that the videos are by native speakers from around the world on current event topics of interest to the students and can be used by all levels of language classes from beginners through AP. Grant approved for \$300.

### **Fundraising Report** – Robert Aber

We will sell spirit wear during school events like Back to School night and Multicultural Dinner and in cafeteria on Thursdays (10-1pm) prior to the half day Fridays, as well as on the half day Fridays (10-11:30 am). The scheduled days are:

Sept 27/28    Oct 25/26    Dec 13/14    Jan31/Feb1    Feb 21/22    March 21/22

Looking for parent volunteers to sell at lunchtime on these dates at Allderdice.  
Contact [Janetkinnane@hotmail.com](mailto:Janetkinnane@hotmail.com) if interested in volunteering.

### **Principal report** – Dr McCoy

He will present more at PSCC to follow this PTO meeting

School academics and sports are in full swing.

Homecoming Dance is Sept 22. Only 100 tickets left at \$5 each.

As well, at start of PSSC, Dr. Liz Miller of Children's Hospital will report on Youth Risk Behavior Survey (National Survey) which PPS students will be participating in for the first time.

To learn more: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthyouth/data/yrbs/index.htm>

#### **Faculty Report** – Andrea Hartz

Reported on new writing center at Allderdice- Amanda led a workshop –located in library-opening soon. Looking for parent volunteers from 10-1 during lunch periods. Additional training will be offered to parent volunteers. Contact Andrea at [Ahartz@pghschools.org](mailto:Ahartz@pghschools.org).

#### **Student Report** – Molly Potts

Sophomore Molly Potts is student leader of school volunteer program with Global Links. She described the work of Global Links that repurposes surplus medical supplies and sends them to communities in need, both locally and internationally. First volunteer session is half day Friday, Sept 28. Molly will recruit students and PTO will recruit parent drivers. Contact Molly [mollyp820@gmail.com](mailto:mollyp820@gmail.com) and/or Janet Kinnane [janetkinnane@hotmail.com](mailto:janetkinnane@hotmail.com).

#### **FACE report** – Raechel Palmer and Jessica Porter, FACE coordinators

Family and Community Engagement – Raechel discussed the role of FACE and how they interface with parents and school and the PAC (Parent Advisory Council of the School Board). Hope Larkin-Begley and Robert Aber are Allderdice representatives to the PAC. They are looking for a third parent volunteer. Notify Raechel or Jessica if interested.

#### **PTO business** – Amy Constantine

PTO is excited to report the speaker series starting this year. The PTO is partnering with the division of Adolescent Medicine at Children's Hospital to develop a series of talks on topics of interest to parents of teens. This year 2 talks will be held at the school, one in October on mental health, one in March on social media. PTO is happy to solicit topic ideas from parents. We hope to add more talks each year and possibly have other venues in neighborhoods for these talks such as at libraries and community centers.

#### **Community events**

Daniel Borzutzky, National Book award winning poet and Allderdice Alumnus is reading at City of Asylum September 22 at 7 pm. Free and open to public. <http://www.alphabecity.org/events/jazz-poetry-month-claudio-cojaniz/>

Robert reminded attendees that it is never to late to join PTO.

How does one get information in weekly email newsletter? One can email Principal before Sunday morning [jmccoy1@pghschools.org](mailto:jmccoy1@pghschools.org)

Next PTO meeting October 11, 2018 at 6:00 pm

Contact PTO: [Prezallderdicepto@gmail.com](mailto:Prezallderdicepto@gmail.com), follow on facebook @allderdicepto, get grant applications at website <https://allderdicepto.org>

Submitted - Sabina Deitrick, secretary