

Allderdice PTO Minutes October 11, 2018

1. Amy Constantine called the meeting to order and introduced the PTO officers.

2. The September minutes were approved.

3. Treasurer's/grants report – Amanda Godley and Robert Aber

PTO Bank Account:

Current balance is \$7,646.81

\$2,405 in spiritwear sales was deposited

\$1,735 in membership dues was deposited

Memberships: As of September 16, 2018, membership dues totaled \$1,575 with an average contribution of \$50.81 and a total of 31 members.

Two new grant proposals:

1. from Ms. Hartz, literacy coach, to offer token of appreciation to teacher who present on PD days (PTO Allderdice mugs) – whatever is left, up to 20. APPROVED.

2. from Ms. Palmer and O'Reilly – 20 computers for special education students for access to internet and computer programs that enrich their education and differentiation. Total cost \$4,962 – machines cost \$248.10 each. Ms. Palmer revised her grant request to 15 computers and cart would be better. They must go through the school district vendor. Question: Will the district provide technological support? Answer: That is still not determined. The PTO was in favor of the grant, but agreed to table the vote until more information was gained about technological support. It was asked that the PPS technological support and the cost of the computer cart be sent in writing to Robert Aber.

3. FACE report: Ms. Porter reported that at the FACE training, Allderdice received a shout out because it was one of only schools that had 100% representation to PAC (parent advisory council). Ms. Porter reported that she updated the

Because sponsoring a club is voluntary for teachers, the school cannot require teachers to put info about the club and its meetings online. However, teachers were willing to do so and so a calendar is being set up.

4. PTO business:

– Annual potluck multicultural dinner to be held on December 13. Sukanya Srinivasan will organize it. She noted that we will need to restock PTO closet with plates, etc. before the event. Sukanya will particularly work to recruit the Global Minds club and families.

- A BIG THANK YOU to volunteers from the September spiritwear sale: Janet Kinnane, Alicia Klein and Laurie Heller.

- PTO will sell spiritwear on October 25 in the lunch room from 10 AM to 1 PM and on October 26 in the front hall from 10 to 11:30 AM. PARENT VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR BOTH DAYS! If you want to volunteer, please request PPS guest WIFI access so you can use the PTO's Square reader. Contact Amanda Godley Amanda.godley@gmail.com for the guest WIFI form.

- Global Links has a volunteer opportunity on Friday October 26, a half day. Parent drivers are need for travel to Greentree. Parents can volunteer at Global Links with students from 12:15 to 3 PM.

- This month all students will complete the youth risk behavior survey. Parents can opt out.

- Community Events: Celebrate the upcoming renovation of Wightman Park with a Play in the Park Pop-Up on Sunday, October 28, 2018 from 11:30 AM to 2:30 PM. Includes fun, games and project updates including incorporating art in the park. FREE and open to the public.

- Allderdice graduate Frances Arnold was Nobel Prize winner in Chemistry.

Principal's report (given by Mr. Centofanti):

- 600 students attended the Homecoming Dance. It went well.

- Oct 26 will be the AACAS & BSU Halloween Dance. 500 tickets will be sold.

- Fall sports going well.

- Marching band festival this Saturday night October 13 at 6:30.

- Oct 18 -20: *Fires in the Mirror* play at Allderdice.

- November 15: Discover Allderdice night.

- Morning videos have started airing (with the equipment funded by PTO!)

- Alice drill on October 22 (active shooter drill). This is the second year this drill has been done. In case of a real emergency, each teacher has a place to go with his or her class (for some, it's CDS school). Last year, feedback was solicited after the drill and some adjustments have been made.

Next PTO meeting: November 8 at 6 pm.